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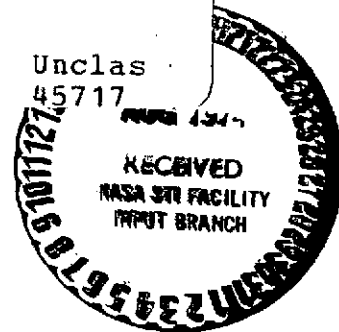
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## ABSTRACT

The load, mass flow, stiffness, and damping for an inherently compensated, multiple-inlet, externally pressurized square thrust bearing are analyzed. Small perturbation methods are used to linearize Reynolds' equation, and numerical methods are employed to find the solution to the resulting equations. Design curves are presented in terms of restrictor coefficient, supply pressure, and location of the inlets for low squeeze numbers.

Optimum bearing stiffness occurs at a restrictor coefficient between one and two. At this value the damping is a minimum and negative damping (instability) can be present at supply pressures exceeding four atmospheres. Stiffness increases with supply pressure. Optimum damping occurs at a restrictor coefficient equal to five. Stiffness is considerably reduced but can be improved by operating at high supply pressures.

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## NOMENCLATURE

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
*	Denotes real variable
$\alpha$	Iteration count
$\beta$	Increment ratio (Length/Width -- $\Delta x/\Delta z$ )
$\epsilon$	Perturbation parameter
$\gamma$	Normalized span across outer sill
$\lambda$	Dimensionless width (Bearing width/Bearing length)
$\Lambda$	Restrictor Coefficient
$\mu$	Fluid viscosity
$\omega^*$	Excitation frequency
$\rho^*$	Density of film
$\sigma$	Squeeze number $(\frac{12\mu\omega^*L^{*2}}{h_o^{*2} P_a^*})$
$a$	Maximum value of $x$ on the boundary $(\frac{1-2\gamma}{2})$
$b$	Maximum value of $z$ on the boundary $(\frac{\lambda-2\gamma}{2})$
$C_D$	Orifice discharge coefficient
$d_o^*$	Orifice diameter
$D^*$	Damping
$D$	Dimensionless damping $[D^*/(\lambda L^* \mu (L^*/h_o^*)^3)]$
$F$	$\int_0^a (\frac{\partial \bar{P}^2}{\partial z})_{z=b^+} dx + \int_0^b (\frac{\partial \bar{P}_1^2}{\partial x})_{x=a^+} dz$
$g$	$[P_1(x,z)P_2(x,z,t)]$
$g_o$	Acceleration of gravity
$h^*$	Film thickness
$h_o^*$	Mean film thickness
$h$	Dimensionless film thickness

## NOMENCLATURE (continued)

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
$i$	Row number in numerical field
$j$	Column number in numerical field
$k$	Ratio of specific heats ( $\frac{c_p}{c_v}$ )
$K^*$	Stiffness
$K_S$	Dimensionless stiffness [ $K^* h_o^* / (\lambda P_a^* L^{*2} (P_s - 1))$ ]
$L^*$	Bearing length
$m_o^*$	Mean mass flow
$m_1^*$	Dynamic mass flow through orifice
$m_2^*$	Dynamic mass flow through outer sill
$m_3^*$	Dynamic mass flow from central region
$M_1^*$	Mass flow through orifice
$M_2^*$	Mass flow through outer sill
$M_3^*$	Mass flow from central region
$N_a$	Maximum column number at inlet boundary
$N_b$	Maximum row number at inlet boundary
$N_1$	Number of inlets
$P^*$	Pressure
$P$	Dimensionless pressure ( $P^*/P_a^*$ )
$P_a^*$	Ambient pressure
$P_1$	Dimensionless static pressure
$P_2$	Dimensionless dynamic pressure
$P_i$	Dimensionless dynamic pressure downstream of inlet
$P_o$	Dimensionless static pressure downstream of inlet
$P_s$	Dimensionless supply pressure
$r$	Inlet span to total bearing span ratio



## NOMENCLATURE (continued)

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
R	Gas constant
$t^*$	Time
$t$	Dimensionless time ( $t^* \omega^*$ )
T	Temperature
$W^*$	Bearing load
$W$	Dimensionless bearing load ( $W^* / \lambda P_a^* L^{*2}$ )
$W_1^*$	Static load
$W_1$	Dimensionless static load
$W_2^*$	Dynamic load
$W_2$	Dimensionless dynamic load
$x^*$	Variable length
$x$	Dimensionless variable length ( $x^* / L^*$ )
$z^*$	Variable width
$z$	Dimensionless variable width ( $z^* / L^*$ )

## CHAPTER I

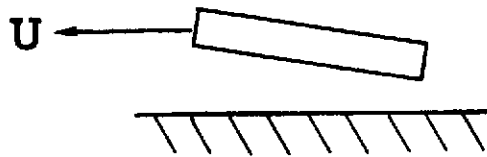
### INTRODUCTION

Energy loss and the wear of machine parts due to friction are two of the problems which are faced in industry every day. Fluid film bearings are used at critical areas to reduce this friction. The fluids used in these bearings are usually a gas or oil. With the reduction of friction, the lives of the machines are lengthened which saves the industries large amounts of money both in labor and shut-down time.

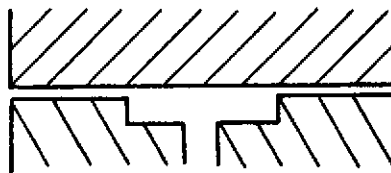
The two basic types of bearings used in industry are the thrust bearing and the journal bearing. The journal bearing supports radial loads; whereas, the thrust bearing supports an axial load. In some cases, thrust bearings have been used in conjunction with journal bearings to provide damping for radial loads.

A bearing load can be supported hydrodynamically or hydrostatically. In hydrodynamic lubrication, Figure 1(a), high pressure is developed when the fluid film is "dragged" along as a wedge. The fluid film in a hydrostatic bearing must be externally pressurized to support a load. The externally pressurized bearing may be either orifice compensated, Figure 1(b), or inherently compensated, Figure 1(c). Each of these geometries has a flow inlet restriction area which controls the flow through the bearing. The "restrictor" is dependent upon the orifice area in the orifice compensated case and is dependent upon the hole diameter and film thickness in the inherently compensated case.

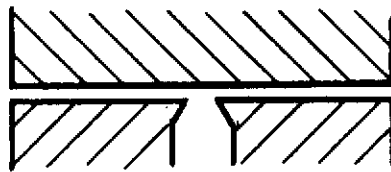
In recent years, there has been a rapid growth in the development of gas bearing supported systems. The reason for this growth is that industry is beginning to recognize the many advantages of gas



(a) Hydrodynamic Lubrication



(b) Hydrostatic Lubrication-Orifice Compensated



(c) Hydrostatic Lubrication-Inherent Compensation

Figure 1. Examples of Gas Lubrication.

lubrication. One of the most appealing advantages is the use of a process fluid as the lubricant. This eliminates the need for an external lubrication system. Some of the other advantages of gas lubrication are: lower friction, no contamination, low-to-high temperature capability, high speed capability, and high reliability and long life.

The response of gas bearings to small periodic load changes is greatly influenced by the dynamic characteristics of the gas film. Stiffness and damping are important parameters which affect this dynamic behavior of the system. Stability problems arise when there is negative damping present. Although inherently compensated bearings have less stiffness than pocket-type bearings, they do exhibit improved stability over the pocket-type bearings which are prone to pneumatic hammer [1]\*.

Richardson [1] was one of the first to carry out a theoretical analysis of the dynamic characteristics of an orifice compensated gas bearing. Using lumped parameter methods, he developed relationships which could be used to obtain quantitative design information for compensated gas bearings. Licht and Elrod [2] analyzed the stability of an orifice compensated bearing similar to the one studied by Richardson using distributed parameter methods. There was a marked divergence from the results obtained by lumped parameter methods in the case of the limiting values which influence the stability of the bearing. Stiffler [3] has presented an analysis of an inherently compensated, multiple-inlet, circular thrust bearing based on distributed parameter methods. In his solutions, the stiffness and damping as

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\*Numbers in brackets refer to references

functions of supply pressure, inlet location, restrictor coefficient, and excitation frequency are described by perturbation models.

Mullan and Richardson [4] used lumped and distributed parameter analyses to develop solutions for the inherently compensated gas journal bearing with small eccentricity ratios. After linearizing Reynolds' equation using small perturbation methods, the computer was used to obtain results which were presented in graphical form with stiffness and damping as functions of supply pressure and flow. Lund [5] presented a theoretical analysis for the threshold of instability of a rigid rotor supported in hydrostatic gas journal bearings. Perturbation techniques were used, and numerical results were given for the threshold of instability as a function of supply pressure ratio, restrictor coefficient and eccentricity ratio.

This thesis deals with an externally pressurized, inherently compensated, multiple-inlet, square thrust bearing. A mathematical model is formulated for the general rectangular case, as shown in Figure 2, with the bearing dimensions normalized by the bearing length. Thus, the bearing is of unit length and has a width,  $\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is the actual bearing width divided by the length. The nonlinear Reynolds' equation is solved using small perturbation techniques. Design curves for the stiffness, damping, load, and mass flow are presented as functions of inlet location, restrictor coefficient, and supply pressure for small squeeze numbers. A theoretical analysis of these bearing characteristics is developed in the following section.

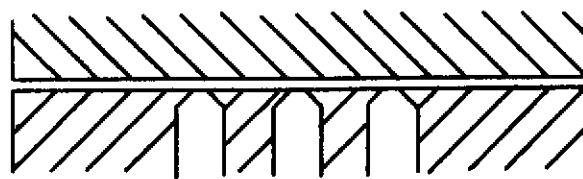
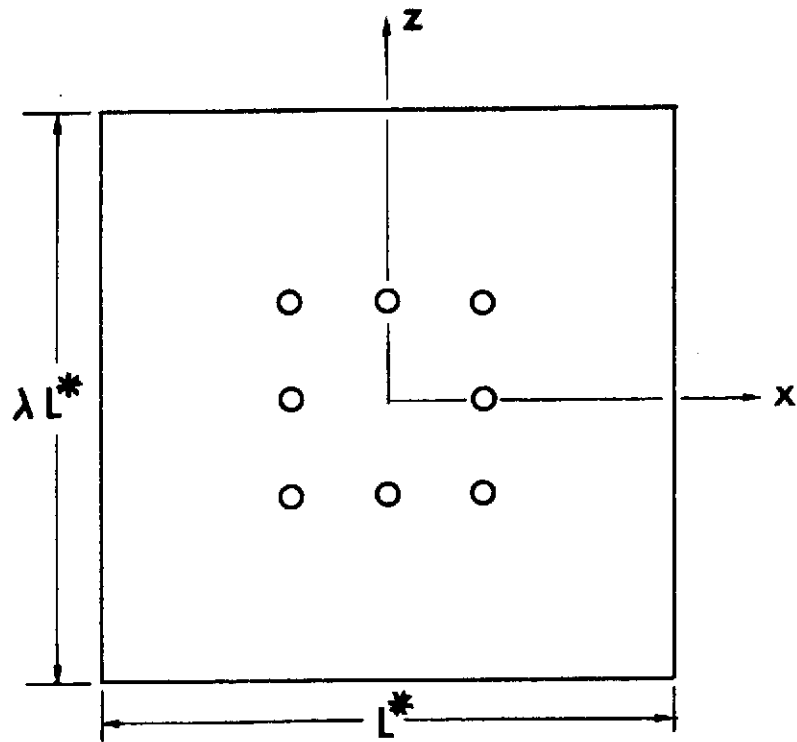


Figure 2. Inherently Compensated, Multiple-Inlet, Rectangular Thrust Bearing.

## CHAPTER II

## FORMULATION OF THE MATHEMATICAL MODEL

For the development of the theoretical model, the bearing is divided into three distinct regions--the inlet region, the central region, and the sill region. The gas lubricant flows through the sill and attains an ambient state at the outer edges of the sill. It is assumed that there are enough inlets so that they may be considered as an equivalent line source. Furthermore, only one quadrant is considered since the bearing is symmetric.

2.1 Reynolds' Equation Applied to the Bearing

In order to solve for the mass flow, load, stiffness, and damping, the pressure distribution throughout the bearing must be determined. The pressure distribution is described by Reynolds' equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^*} (h^{*3} \rho^* \frac{\partial P^*}{\partial x^*}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} (h^{*3} \rho^* \frac{\partial P^*}{\partial z^*}) = 12\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t^*} (\rho^* h^*) \quad (2-1)$$

The film thickness,  $h^*$ , is uniform throughout the flow region, since it is bounded by two parallel rigid surfaces. The separation of the surfaces depends only upon the load disturbance.

It is assumed in the analysis that the film behaves as an ideal gas with constant specific heats and that the flow is isothermal [6] with  $P^*/\rho^* = \text{constant}$ . The following dimensionless variables,

$$P = P^*/P_a^*$$

$$x = x^*/L^*$$

$$z = z^*/L^*$$

$$t = t^* \omega^*$$

$$h = h^* / h_0^*$$

are introduced into Reynolds' equation to obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (P^2) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} (P^2) = \frac{2\sigma}{h^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (Ph) \quad (2-2)$$

where the squeeze number,  $\sigma$ , is given by

$$\sigma = \frac{12\mu\omega^*L^{*2}}{h_0^{*2} P_a^*} \quad (2-3)$$

In terms of a perturbation parameter,  $\epsilon$ , the film height and pressure distribution can be approximated as

$$h(t) = 1 + \epsilon \sin(t) \quad (2-4)$$

$$P(x, z, t) = P_1(x, z) + \epsilon P_2(x, z, t) \quad (2-5)$$

where  $P_1(x, z)$  is the dimensionless static pressure distribution and  $P_2(x, z, t)$  is the first order dimensionless dynamic pressure distribution.

When Equations (2-4) and (2-5) are substituted into Equation (2-2), two equations are obtained from terms of order  $O(1)$  and  $O(\epsilon)$ , respectively.

$$O(1): \frac{\partial^2 P_1^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P_1^2}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad (2-6)$$

$$O(\epsilon): \frac{\partial^2 (P_1 P_2)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (P_1 P_2)}{\partial z^2} = \sigma (P_1 \cos(t) + \frac{\partial P_2}{\partial t}) \quad (2-7)$$

Or, in a more convenient form, Equation (2-7) is written as

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\sigma}{P_1} \left[ P_1^2 \cos(t) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \right] \quad (2-8)$$



where

$$g(x, z, t) = P_1(x, z) P_2(x, z, t) \quad (2-9)$$

If the pressure at the inlet boundary is defined arbitrarily as  $(P_0 + \epsilon P_1)$ , the remaining static conditions at the inner edges of the sill are

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(x, b) &= P_0 & 0 \leq x \leq a \\ P_1(a, z) &= P_0 & 0 \leq z \leq b \end{aligned}$$

where

$$a = \frac{1 - 2\gamma}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \frac{\lambda - 2\gamma}{2}$$

At the outer edges of the sill the static pressure is ambient,  
and

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(x, \lambda/2) &= 1 & 0 \leq x \leq 1/2 \\ P_1(1/2, z) &= 1 & 0 \leq z \leq \lambda/2 \end{aligned}$$

The boundary conditions for Equation (2-8) are

$$\begin{aligned} g(x, \lambda/2, t) &= 0 & 0 \leq x \leq 1/2 \\ g(1/2, z, t) &= 0 & 0 \leq z \leq \lambda/2 \\ g(x, b, t) &= P_0 P_1 & 0 \leq x \leq a \\ g(a, z, t) &= P_0 P_1 & 0 \leq z \leq b \end{aligned}$$

In order to normalize the boundary conditions for Equation (2-6),  
let

$$P_1^2 = 1 + (P_0^2 - 1) \bar{P}_1^2 \quad (2-10)$$

Then, upon substitution into Equation (2-6),

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{P}_1^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{P}_1^2}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad (2-11)$$

for which the boundary conditions are given by

$$\bar{P}_1^2(x, \lambda/2) = 0$$

$$\bar{P}_1^2(1/2, z) = 0$$

$$\bar{P}_1^2(x, b) = 1$$

$$\bar{P}_1^2(a, z) = 1$$

The load disturbance is assumed to be periodic. Thus, time may be eliminated from Equation (2-8) by assuming a periodic solution for the dynamic pressure.

Let

$$g(x, z, t) = g_1(x, z) \sin(t) + g_2(x, z) \cos(t) . \quad (2-12)$$

Substituting this expression into Equation (2-8), and equating coefficients of the sine and cosine terms,

$$\frac{\partial^2 g_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g_1}{\partial z^2} = - \frac{\sigma g_2}{P_1} \quad (2-13)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g_2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g_2}{\partial z^2} = + \frac{\sigma}{P_1} [P_1^2 + g_1] \quad (2-14)$$

For the central region, the solution to Equation (2-11) is a constant and is given by

$$\bar{P}_1^2(x, z) = 1.$$

Along the sill, numerical methods are used to solve Equation (2-11).

After the static boundary pressure,  $P_0$ , is specified, the static pressure field can be found. The dynamic and static boundary pressures,  $P_i$  and  $P_0$ , must be determined from the continuity condition for the mass flow at the inlet boundary. The solutions to the coupled Equations (2-13) and (2-14) can then be found by numerical methods.

## 2.2 Mass Flow

From flow continuity at the boundary,

$$M_3^* + M_1^* = M_2^*$$

where

$$M_1^* = \text{mass flow through the inlets} = m_o^* + \epsilon m_1^*$$

$$M_2^* = \text{mass flow through the sill region} = m_o^* + \epsilon m_2^*$$

$$M_3^* = \text{mass flow from the central region} = \epsilon m_3^*$$

and  $m_o^*$  is the mean flow through the inlets (and the sill region) for the statically loaded bearing.

The mass flow through the sill region is given by Constantinescu [7] as

$$M_2^* = - \frac{1}{12} \frac{\rho^* h^{*3}}{\mu P_o^*} \left[ \int_{-a}^a \left( \frac{\partial P^{*2}}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^+} dx + \int_{-b}^b \left( \frac{\partial P^{*2}}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^+} dz \right] \quad (2-15)$$

When Equations (2-4), (2-10), and (2-5) are substituted into Equation (2-15) the linearized mass flow through the sill region is

$$M_2^* = m_o^* + 3m_o^* \epsilon \sin(t) + \frac{P_o^{*2} h_o^{*3}}{12\mu RT} (2\epsilon) \left[ \int_{-a}^a \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^+} dx + \int_{-b}^b \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^+} dz \right] \quad (2-16)$$

where

$$m_o^* = - \frac{P_o^{*2} h_o^{*3}}{6\mu RT} (P_o^2 - 1) F \quad (2-17)$$

and

$$F = \int_0^a \left( \frac{\partial \bar{P}_1^2}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^+} dx + \int_0^b \left( \frac{\partial \bar{P}_1^2}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^+} dz \quad (2-18)$$

The mass flow,  $M_3^*$ , from the central region is given by the same

general expression as Equation (2-15) except that the derivatives are evaluated at the inside of the inlet boundary. Thus,

$$M_3^* = - \frac{P_a^{*2} h_o^{*3}}{12\mu RT} (2\epsilon) \left[ \int_{-a}^a \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^-} dx + \int_{-b}^b \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^-} dz \right] \quad (2-19)$$

where the mean flow is zero.

The flow through the inlets [8] is described by

$$M_1^* = \frac{C_D N_1 \pi d_o^* h_o^* h P_s P_a^*}{\sqrt{RT}} \left[ \frac{2g_o k}{k+1} \right]^{1/2} \left( \frac{P}{P_s} \right)^{1/k} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P}{P_s} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \right]^{1/2},$$

$$\frac{P_o}{P_s} > \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \quad (2-20)$$

or

$$M_1^* = \frac{C_D N_1 \pi d_o^* h_o^* h P_s P_a^*}{\sqrt{RT}} \left( \frac{2g_o k}{k+1} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{k-1}},$$

$$\frac{P_o}{P_s} < \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \quad (2-21)$$

Equations (2-4) and (2-5) can be substituted into Equations (2-20) and (2-21), and, when terms of order  $O(1)$  and  $O(\epsilon)$  are retained,

$$M_1^* = m_o^* \left\{ 1 + [\sin(t) + \left( \frac{P_1}{P_s} \right) \alpha_2] \epsilon \right\}, \frac{P_o}{P_s} > \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \quad (2-22)$$

or

$$M_1^* = m_o^* + m_o^* \varepsilon \sin(t), \quad \frac{P_o}{P_s} \leq \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \quad (2-23)$$

where

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{P_s}{P_o} \right)^{-\frac{1}{k}} - \frac{k-1}{2k} \left[ \frac{(P_o/P_s)^{-\frac{1}{k}}}{1 - (P_o/P_s)^{\frac{k-1}{k}}} \right] \quad (2-24)$$

and

$$m_o^* = \frac{C_D N_1 \pi d_o^* h_o^* P_s P_a^*}{\sqrt{RT}} \left( \frac{2g_o k}{k-1} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{P_o}{P_s} \right)^{1/k} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P_o}{P_s} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \right]^{1/2},$$

$$\frac{P_o}{P_s} > \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \quad (2-25)$$

or

$$m_o^* = \frac{C_D N_1 \pi d_o^* h_o^* P_s P_a^*}{\sqrt{RT}} \left( \frac{2g_o k}{k+1} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{k-1}},$$

$$\frac{P_o}{P_s} \leq \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \quad (2-26)$$

From the continuity requirement for the mean mass flow through the bearing, and for adiabatic flow through the orifice,  $P_o$  is given by

$$1 = \frac{\Lambda}{P_o^{2-1} P_s} \left( \frac{P_o}{P_s} \right)^{1/k} P_s^2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P_o}{P_s} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \right]^{1/2}, \quad \frac{P_o}{P_s} > \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \quad (2-27)$$

and

$$P_o^2 = 1 + \Lambda P_s^2 \left( \frac{k-1}{k+1} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{k-1}}, \quad \frac{P_o}{P_s} \leq \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \quad (2-28)$$

where the restrictor coefficient,  $\Lambda$ , is

$$\Lambda = - \frac{6 C_D N_1 \pi d_o^* \mu}{P_s P_a^* h_o^{*2} F} \left[ \frac{2 g_o k R T}{(k-1)} \right]^{1/2}$$

and  $F$  is given by Equation (2-18). The restrictor coefficient,  $\Lambda$ , is a dimensionless parameter which gives an indication of the resistance to the mass flow through the orifice and the sill. As the restrictor coefficient increases, the resistance to mass flow increases.

The pressure downstream of the orifice,  $P_o$ , is directly affected by the restrictor coefficient. An increase in the restrictor coefficient results in an increase in the pressure downstream of the orifice. If the flow is not critical, a Newton-Raphson method is used to solve Equation (2-27) for  $P_o$ , or if the flow is critical,  $P_o$  is obtained directly from Equation (2-28). Once  $P_o$  is found, the static pressure distribution throughout the bearing (and the bearing load) can be obtained.

To determine the boundary conditions for Equations (2-13) and (2-14), the perturbed mass flows are equated:

$$0(\epsilon): \quad m_3^* + m_1^* = m_2^*$$

After substitution of the assumed form of  $g(x, z, t)$  given by Equation (2-12) and equating the coefficients of the sine and cosine terms,  $g_1(x, z)$  and  $g_2(x, z)$  along the inlet boundary are obtained from

$$g_1(x, z) = \frac{2P_o P_s}{\alpha_2 (P_o^2 - 1) F} \left\{ \int_0^a \left[ \left( \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^+} - \left( \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^-} \right] dx + \int_0^b \left[ \left( \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^+} - \left( \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^-} \right] dz \right\} + \frac{2P_o P_s}{\alpha_2} \quad (2-29)$$

and

$$g_2(x, z) = \frac{2P_o P_s}{\alpha_2(P_o^2 - 1)F} \left\{ \int_0^a \left[ \left( \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^+} - \left( \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^-} \right] dx + \int_0^b \left[ \left( \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^+} - \left( \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^-} \right] dz \right\} \quad (2-30)$$

$$\text{for } \frac{P_o}{P_s} > \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}},$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^a \left[ \left( \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^+} - \left( \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^-} \right] dx + \int_0^b \left[ \left( \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^+} - \left( \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^-} \right] dz \\ & = -F(P_o^2 - 1) \end{aligned} \quad (2-31)$$

and

$$\int_0^a \left[ \left( \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^+} - \left( \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial z} \right)_{z=b^-} \right] dx + \int_0^b \left[ \left( \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^+} - \left( \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a^-} \right] dz = 0 \quad (2-32)$$

$$\text{for } \frac{P_o}{P_s} \leq \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}}.$$

### 2.3 Bearing Load

If the restrictor coefficient is specified, the static pressure distribution can be found from the solution of either Equation (2-27) or Equation (2-28). The static load is then given by

$$W_1 = 4 \int_0^{\lambda/2} \int_0^{1/2} P_1(x, z) dx dz \quad (2-33)$$

where the double integral is taken over the entire quadrant.

Also, given the solutions for  $g_1(x,z)$  and  $g_2(x,z)$ , the dynamic pressure distribution is simply

$$P_2(x,z,t) = \frac{g_1(x,z)}{P_1(x,z)} \sin(t) + \frac{g_2(x,z)}{P_1(x,z)} \cos(t) \quad .$$

The dynamic load is defined by

$$W_2 = 4 \int_0^{\lambda/2} \int_0^{1/2} P_2(x,z,t) dx dz \quad (2-34)$$

where the double integral is again taken over the quadrant. The dynamic load is then written in the form

$$W_2 = C \sin(t) + B \cos(t) \quad . \quad (2-35)$$

#### 2.4 Stiffness and Damping

If the bearing load executes small harmonic motion, the equation of motion is written

$$W_1^* + \epsilon W_2^* = W_1^* - K^* Y^* - D^* \frac{dY^*}{dt^*} \quad (2-36)$$

where  $K^*$  and  $D^*$  are the stiffness and damping constants respectively, and  $Y^* = \epsilon h_0^* \sin(\omega^* t^*)$ . Equation (2-36) can be rewritten as

$$W_2 = \frac{W_2^*}{\lambda P_a^* L^{*2}} = - \frac{K^* h_0^*}{\lambda P_a^* L^{*2}} \sin(t) - \frac{D^* h_0^* \omega^*}{\lambda P_a^* L^{*2}} \cos(t) \quad (2-37)$$

By comparison of the above equation with Equation (2-35), dimensionless stiffness and damping can be defined by



$$K_s = - \frac{C}{P_s - 1} = \frac{K^* h_o^*}{\lambda P_a^* L^{*2} (P_s - 1)} \quad (2-38)$$

$$D = - \frac{12B}{\sigma} = \frac{D^*}{\lambda L^* \left( \frac{L^*}{h_o^*} \right)^3 \mu} \quad (2-39)$$

## CHAPTER III

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NUMERICAL METHODS

Due to the boundary conditions and the geometry of the problem, a closed form solution was not found. Several approximate methods were considered without success, and it was necessary to use a finite difference technique to solve the problem. In this chapter, the numerical model which is used to represent the problem is presented.

3.1 The Equations in the Field

The successive-over-relaxation (SOR) method [9] was used to model Equations (2-11), (2-13), and (2-14) in the field. This method was chosen because it offered the advantages of fast convergence and small computer storage. In the SOR method, the most recently computed value at any surrounding node is used when the value at a particular node is computed. A temporary value at a particular node is calculated; then, the weighted average of this value and the old value at the node is taken using an acceleration parameter, and this average is the new value at that node. Central differences are used to represent the partial derivatives. This central difference technique gives a truncation error on the order of the square of the spatial increment,  $\Delta x^2$  or  $\Delta z^2$ .

Letting  $f_{i,j}$  represent  $(\bar{P}_1^2)_{i,j}$  and then applying the SOR method, Equation (2-11) is modeled as follows:

$$f_{i,j}^* = \frac{1}{2(1+\beta^2)} (f_{i,j+1}^\alpha + f_{i,j-1}^{\alpha+1} + \beta^2 f_{i+1,j}^\alpha + \beta^2 f_{i-1,j}^{\alpha+1}) \quad (3-1)$$

$$f_{i,j}^{\alpha+1} = \omega_1 f_{i,j}^* + (1 - \omega_1) f_{i,j}^{\alpha} \quad (3-2)$$

where  $\beta = \Delta x / \Delta y$  and  $\omega_1$  is the acceleration parameter.

In order to have the fastest convergence possible, an optimum acceleration parameter,  $\omega_0$ , must be chosen. Roache [9] gives this parameter for a rectangular field with Dirichlet boundary conditions:

$$\omega_0 = 2 \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-\eta}}{\eta} \right) \quad (3-3)$$

where

$$\eta = \left[ \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{I-1}\right) + \beta^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{J-1}\right)}{1 + \beta^2} \right]^2 \quad (3-4)$$

The acceleration parameter,  $\omega_1$ , used in Equation (3-2) is the one calculated in Equation (3-3).

Equations (2-13) and (2-14) are modeled as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1)_{i,j}^* = & \frac{1}{2(1+\beta^2)} [(g_1)_{i,j+1}^{\alpha} + (g_1)_{i,j-1}^{\alpha+1} + \beta^2 (g_1)_{i+1,j}^{\alpha} + \beta^2 (g_1)_{i-1,j}^{\alpha+1} \\ & + \frac{\Delta x^2 \sigma}{(P_1)_{i,j}} (g_2)_{i,j}^{\alpha}] \end{aligned} \quad (3-5)$$

$$(g_1)_{i,j}^{\alpha+1} = \omega_2 (g_1)_{i,j}^* + (1 - \omega_2) (g_1)_{i,j}^{\alpha} \quad (3-6)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(g_2)_{i,j}^* = & \frac{1}{2(1+\beta^2)} [(g_2)_{i,j+1}^\alpha + (g_2)_{i,j-1}^{\alpha+1} + \beta^2 (g_2)_{i+1,j}^\alpha + \beta^2 (g_2)_{i-1,j}^{\alpha+1} \\
& - \Delta x^2 \sigma (P_1)_{i,j} - \frac{\Delta x^2 \sigma}{(P_1)_{i,j}} (g_1)_{i,j}^{\alpha+1}] \quad (3-7)
\end{aligned}$$

$$(g_2)_{i,j}^{\alpha+1} = \omega_2 (g_2)_{i,j}^* + (1 - \omega_2) (g_2)_{i,j}^\alpha \quad (3-8)$$

Operations are performed in order from Equation (3-5) through Equation (3-8) for each node (i,j).

Again, an optimum acceleration parameter is needed; however, there is no analytical formula which gives this parameter. Trial and error procedures were used, and the acceleration parameter was found to be sufficiently close to that given by Equation (3-3). Thus, Equation (3-3) was used in all cases to find the needed parameter.

Having modeled the equations in the field, the boundaries must be modeled. In the case of Equations (3-1) and (3-2), the boundaries have constant values, but this is not the case for Equations (3-5) through (3-8). They have Dirichlet boundary conditions at the outer edge, but the conditions along the inlet boundary depend on the mass flow.

### 3.2 Mass Flow

From mass flow relationships, Equations (2-29) through (2-32) were derived to describe  $g_1(x,z)$  and  $g_2(x,z)$  at the inlet boundary. The two functions,  $g_1(x,z)$  and  $g_2(x,z)$ , are constant along this boundary, and their values on the boundary can be computed using Simpson's 1/3 Rule

and central differences. After rearranging,  $g_1(x,z)$  and  $g_2(x,z)$  on the boundary are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g_1)_{i,j}^{\alpha+1} = C_2 \left\{ \sum_p^{N_b} [ (g_1)_{p-1,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_1)_{p-1,j-1}^{\alpha+1} + 4[ (g_1)_{p,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_1)_{p,j-1}^{\alpha+1} ] \right. \\
 + (g_1)_{p+1,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_1)_{p+1,j-1}^{\alpha+1} ] \frac{\Delta z}{3\Delta x} + \sum_q^{N_a} [ (g_1)_{i+1,q-1}^{\alpha+1} \\
 + (g_1)_{i-1,q-1}^{\alpha+1} + 4[ (g_1)_{i+1,q}^{\alpha+1} + (g_1)_{i-1,q}^{\alpha+1} ] + (g_1)_{i+1,q+1}^{\alpha+1} \\
 \left. + (g_1)_{i-1,q+1}^{\alpha+1} ] \frac{\Delta x}{3\Delta z} + \frac{2P_o P_s}{\alpha_2} \right\} \quad (3-9)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g_2)_{i,j}^{\alpha+1} = C_2 \left\{ \sum_p^{N_b} [ (g_2)_{p-1,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_2)_{p-1,j-1}^{\alpha+1} + 4[ (g_2)_{p,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_2)_{p,j-1}^{\alpha+1} ] \right. \\
 + (g_2)_{p+1,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_2)_{p+1,j-1}^{\alpha+1} ] \frac{\Delta z}{3\Delta x} + \sum_q^{N_a} [ (g_2)_{i+1,q-1}^{\alpha+1} \\
 + (g_2)_{i-1,q-1}^{\alpha+1} + 4[ (g_2)_{i+1,q}^{\alpha+1} + (g_2)_{i-1,q}^{\alpha+1} ] + (g_2)_{i+1,q+1}^{\alpha+1} \\
 \left. + (g_2)_{i-1,q+1}^{\alpha+1} ] \frac{\Delta x}{3\Delta z} \right\} \quad (3-10)
 \end{aligned}$$

for

$$\frac{P_o}{P_s} > \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k+1}}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g_1)_{i,j}^{\alpha+1} = c_3 \left\{ \sum_p^{N_b} [ (g_1)_{p-1,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_1)_{p-1,j-1}^{\alpha+1} + 4[ (g_1)_{p,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_1)_{p,j-1}^{\alpha+1} ] \right. \\
 + (g_1)_{p+1,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_1)_{p+1,j-1}^{\alpha+1} ] \frac{\Delta z}{3\Delta x} + \sum_q^{N_a} [ (g_1)_{i+1,q-1}^{\alpha+1} \\
 + (g_1)_{i-1,q-1}^{\alpha+1} + 4[ (g_1)_{i+1,q}^{\alpha+1} + (g_1)_{i-1,q}^{\alpha+1} ] + (g_1)_{i+1,q+1}^{\alpha+1} \\
 \left. + (g_1)_{i-1,q+1}^{\alpha+1} ] \frac{\Delta x}{3\Delta z} + F(P_o^2 - 1) \right\} \quad (3-11)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g_2)_{i,j}^{\alpha+1} = c_3 \left\{ \sum_p^{N_b} [ (g_2)_{p-1,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_2)_{p-1,j-1}^{\alpha+1} + 4[ (g_2)_{p,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_2)_{p,j-1}^{\alpha+1} ] \right. \\
 + (g_2)_{p+1,j+1}^{\alpha+1} + (g_2)_{p+1,j-1}^{\alpha+1} ] \frac{\Delta z}{3\Delta x} + \sum_q^{N_a} [ (g_2)_{i+1,q-1}^{\alpha+1} \\
 + (g_2)_{i-1,q-1}^{\alpha+1} + 4[ (g_2)_{i+1,q}^{\alpha+1} + (g_2)_{i-1,q}^{\alpha+1} ] + (g_2)_{i+1,q+1}^{\alpha+1} \\
 \left. + (g_2)_{i-1,q+1}^{\alpha+1} ] \frac{\Delta x}{3\Delta z} \right\} \quad (3-12)
 \end{aligned}$$

for

$$\frac{P_o}{P_s} \leq \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}}$$

where  $p = 2, 4, 6, \dots, N_b$  and  $q = 2, 4, 6, \dots, N_a$

with

$$C_2 = \frac{2 P_o P_s}{\alpha_2 (P_o^2 - 1) F} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2 P_o P_s}{\alpha_2 (P_o^2 - 1) F} \left( \frac{2 \Delta z N_b}{\Delta x} + \frac{2 \Delta x N_a}{\Delta z} \right)} \right)$$

$$C_3 = \frac{1}{\frac{2 \Delta z N_b}{\Delta x} + \frac{2 \Delta x N_a}{\Delta z}}$$

Using Simpson's 1/3 Rule and central differences,

$$F = \sum_p^{N_b} [f_{p-1,j+1} - f_{p-1,j} + 4(f_{p,j+1} - f_{p,j}) + f_{p+1,j+1} - f_{p+1,j}]$$

$$\frac{\Delta z}{3 \Delta x} + \sum_q^{N_a} [f_{i+1,q-1} - f_{i,q-1} + 4(f_{i+1,q} - f_{i,q}) + f_{i+1,q+1} - f_{i,q+1}]$$

$$\frac{\Delta x}{3 \Delta z}$$

with  $p = 2, 4, 6, \dots, N_b$  and  $q = 2, 4, 6, \dots, N_a$ .

When solutions for  $g_1(x, z)$  and  $g_2(x, z)$  through the entire field are found, Simpson's 1/3 Rule is again used to compute C and B for use in Equation (2-35).

## CHAPTER IV

### ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS

The design of a thrust bearing is based upon the value of a restrictor coefficient which gives either maximum stiffness or maximum damping. The bearing is analyzed at a small squeeze number for two reasons:

1. Most design work will be done for smaller squeeze numbers ( $\sigma < 4$ ) and the stiffness and damping are insensitive to the small squeeze numbers.
2. For larger squeeze numbers, the stiffness increases and damping decreases [ 3 ].

The curves describing the effect of important bearing parameters on load capacity, stiffness, damping, and mass flow are shown for a square bearing ( $\lambda = 1$ ) in Figures 3-14. After an error analysis, these relationships are discussed.

#### 4.1 Error Analysis

In the solution of the problem by finite difference methods, Equations (2-11), (2-13), and (2-14) were modeled using central differences. Due to the truncation of the Taylor series in the development of the finite difference model, there is an error in the numerical model. The error in the model of the equation describing the static pressure distribution is of the order of the product of  $10^{-6}$  and the fourth spatial derivative of the solution. In the case of modeling the coupled equations describing the dynamic pressure distribution, the error is of the order of the product of  $10^{-4}$  and the



fourth spatial derivative. These errors are not significant since the fourth spatial derivatives are very small.

Convergence was assumed to have been attained when the absolute value of the maximum change in the field from one iteration to the next was less than some specified change. This change in the solution of the static pressure distribution was on the order of  $10^{-3}$ . In the case of the solution for the dynamic pressure distribution, the maximum change allowable was of the order  $10^{-5}$ .

#### 4.2 Load Capacity

A dimensionless bearing load capacity,  $W_0$ , is presented as a function of the restrictor coefficient,  $\lambda$ , and supply pressure,  $P_s$ , in Figures 3-5 for ratios of inlet span to bearing span,  $r = 0.4, 0.6, 0.8$ . The dimensionless load capacity is defined by

$$W_0 = \frac{W_1^*}{\lambda P_s^* L^*{}^2 (P_s - 1)}$$

where  $\lambda = 1$ .

At a fixed restrictor coefficient (i.e., a fixed  $P_0$ ) the load capacity increases with  $r$ . The reason is that more of the bearing pad is enclosed by the inlets where the pressure is uniform at  $P_0$  (the pressure decays from  $P_0$  to 1 across the sill). Little change in load capacity occurs for variations in the restrictor coefficient in the range of very high restrictor coefficients and the range of very low restrictor coefficients for all geometries.

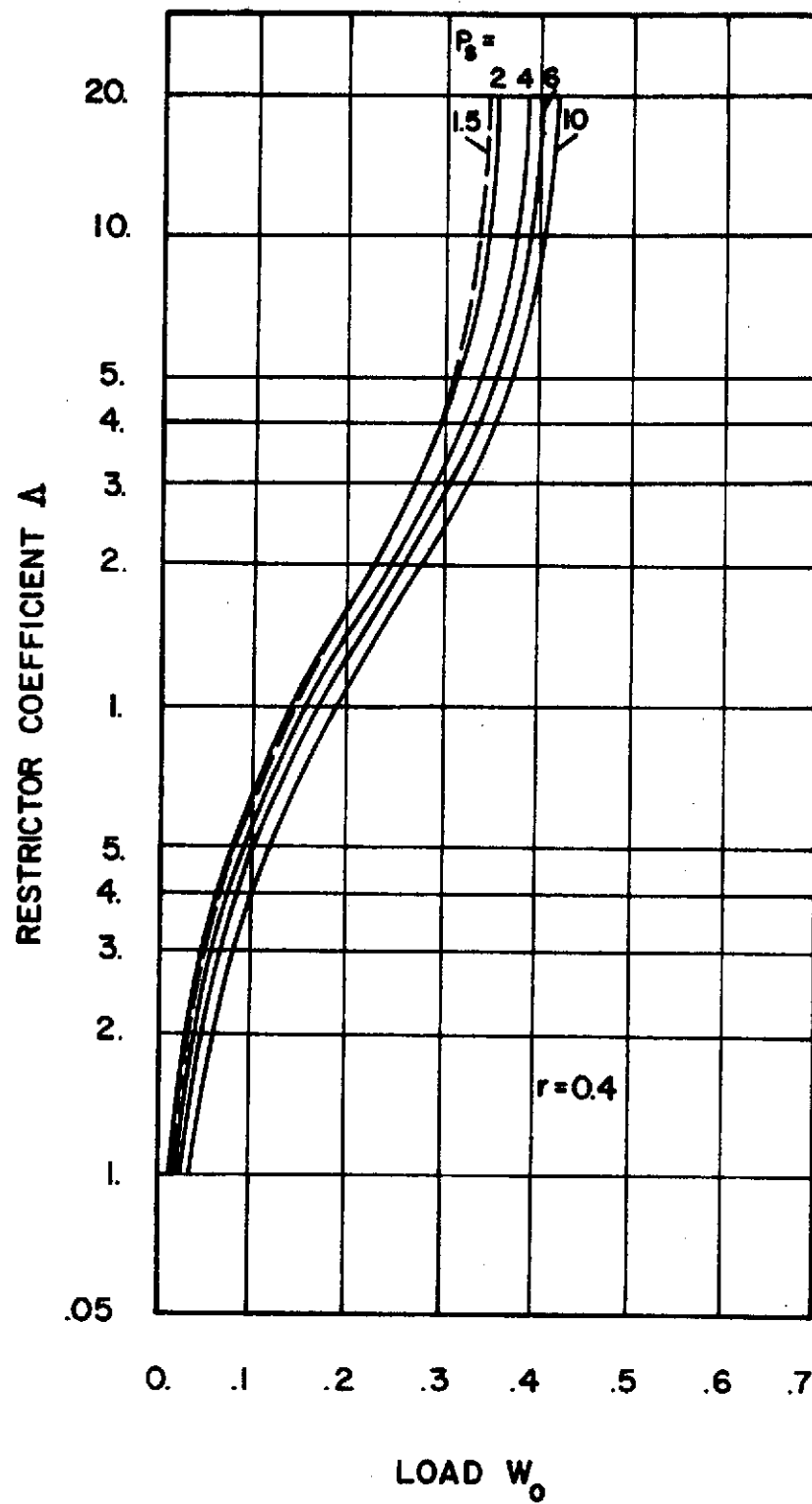


Figure 3. Dimensionless Load Capacity versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ )

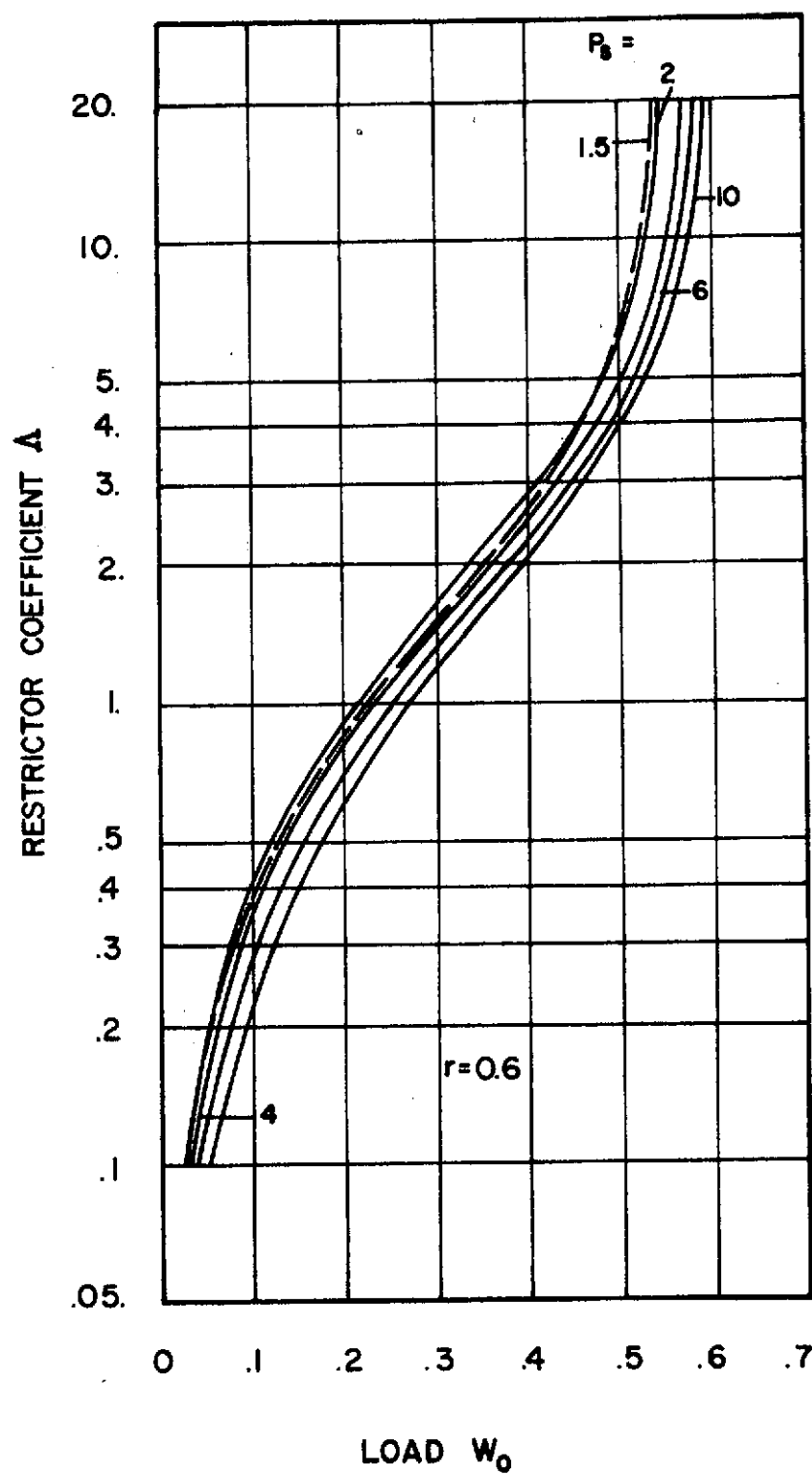


Figure 4. Dimensionless Load Capacity versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ )

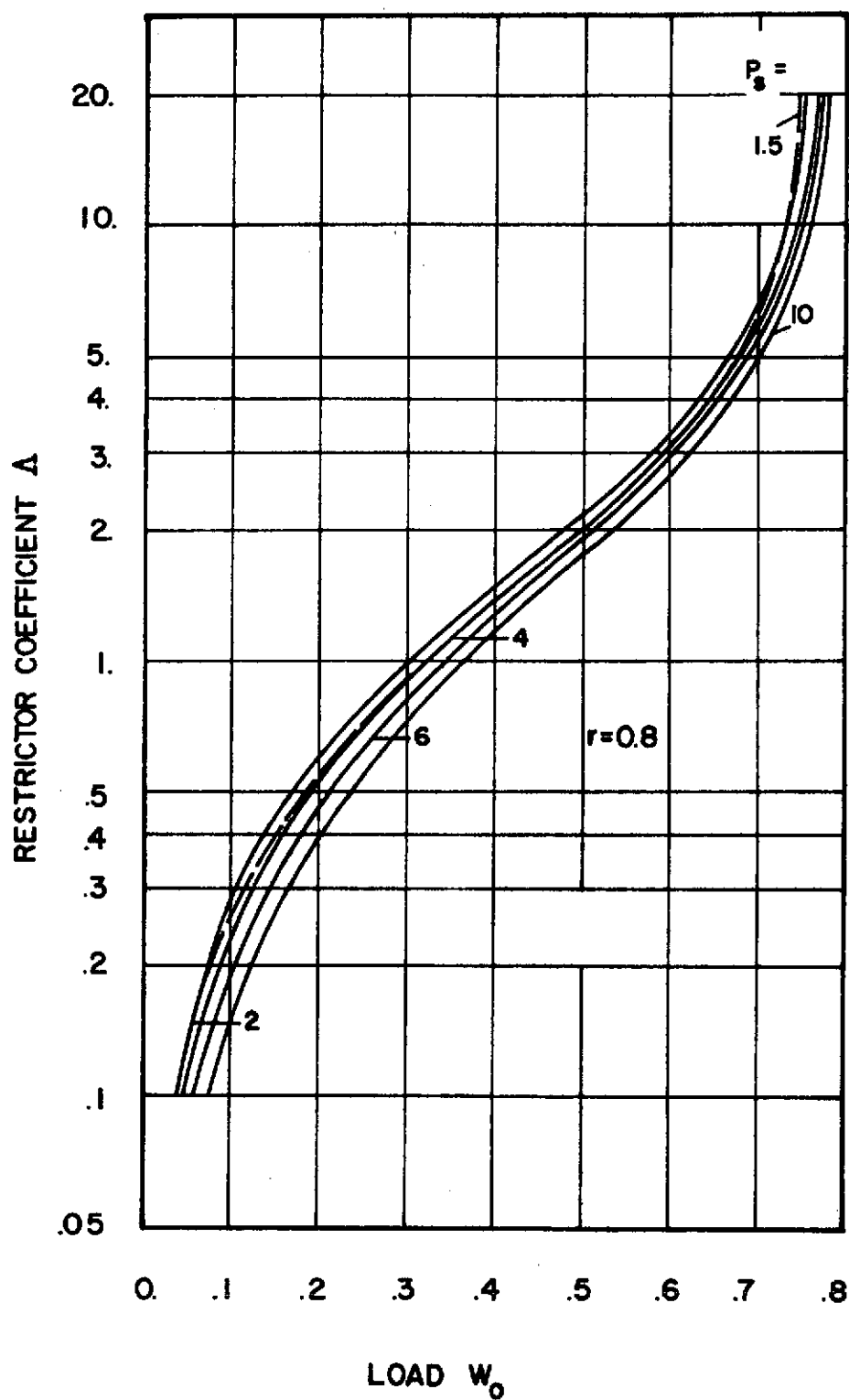


Figure 5. Dimensionless Load Capacity versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ )

### 4.3 Damping

The dimensionless damping is very dependent upon the restrictor coefficient for all geometries and supply pressures as can be seen in Figures 6-8. When instability occurs, negative damping is present. The figures show that instability can occur for supply pressures as low as  $P_s \approx 5$ , depending upon the inlet location. The range of restrictor coefficient,  $\Lambda$ , for instability varies considerably with geometry. The widest range of instability occurs for the geometry,  $r = 0.4$ , and the range decreases for increasing  $r$ . With high supply pressures, maximum damping occurs in the ranges,  $\Lambda \approx 5$  and  $\Lambda < .1$ . With low supply pressures, damping approaches a maximum as the restrictor coefficient approaches zero. Within the above ranges, geometry does not have much effect upon the damping. Of course, it is desirable to maintain high stiffness when a design is based upon maximum damping. Thus, the final choice of restrictor coefficient depends upon its relation to the stiffness.

### 4.4 Stiffness

The relationship between the stiffness,  $K_s$ , and the restrictor coefficient,  $\Lambda$ , is shown in Figures 9-11. The stiffness is very sensitive to the restrictor coefficient and is a maximum in the range  $1 \leq \Lambda \leq 2$ , which is the range where instability occurs for the higher supply pressures. However, at larger values of span ratio,  $r$ , instability can be avoided for supply pressures,  $P_s < 10$ .

Two points should be made:

1. maximum stiffness occurs at values of restrictor coefficients where damping is a minimum; thus, high stiffness and damping are not

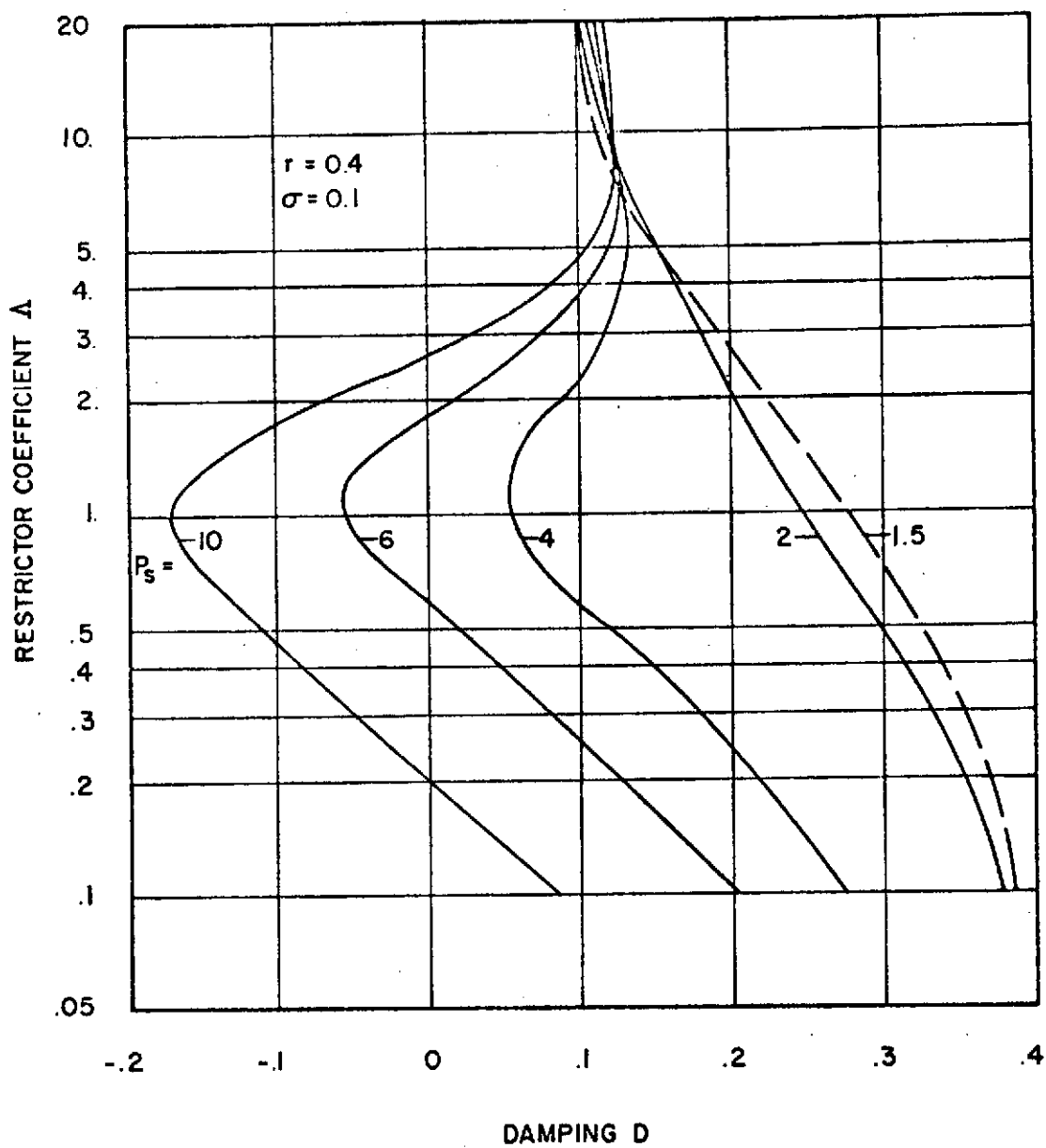


Figure 6. Dimensionless Damping versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 0.1$ )

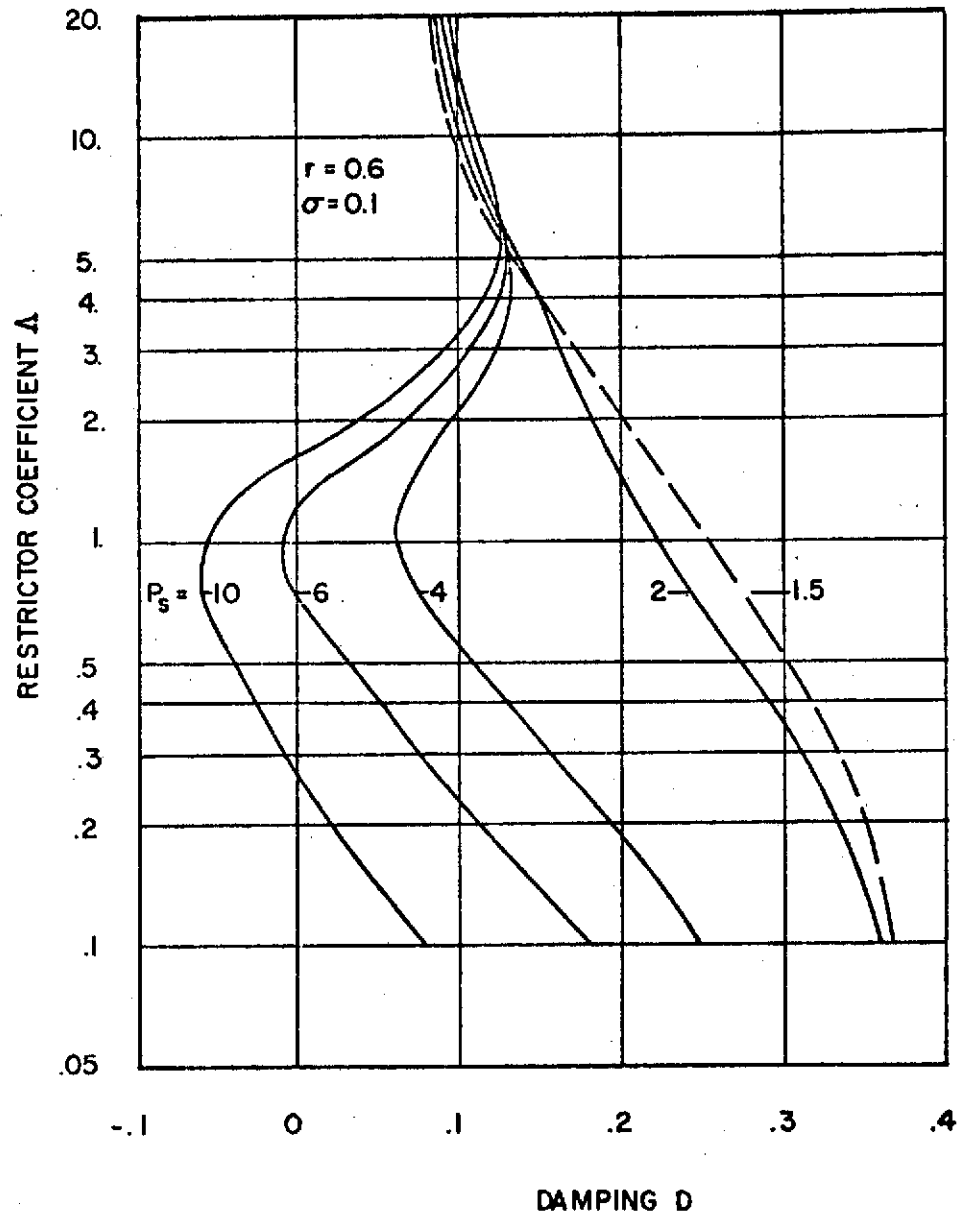


Figure 7. Dimensionless Damping versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.6, \lambda = 1, \sigma = 0.1$ )

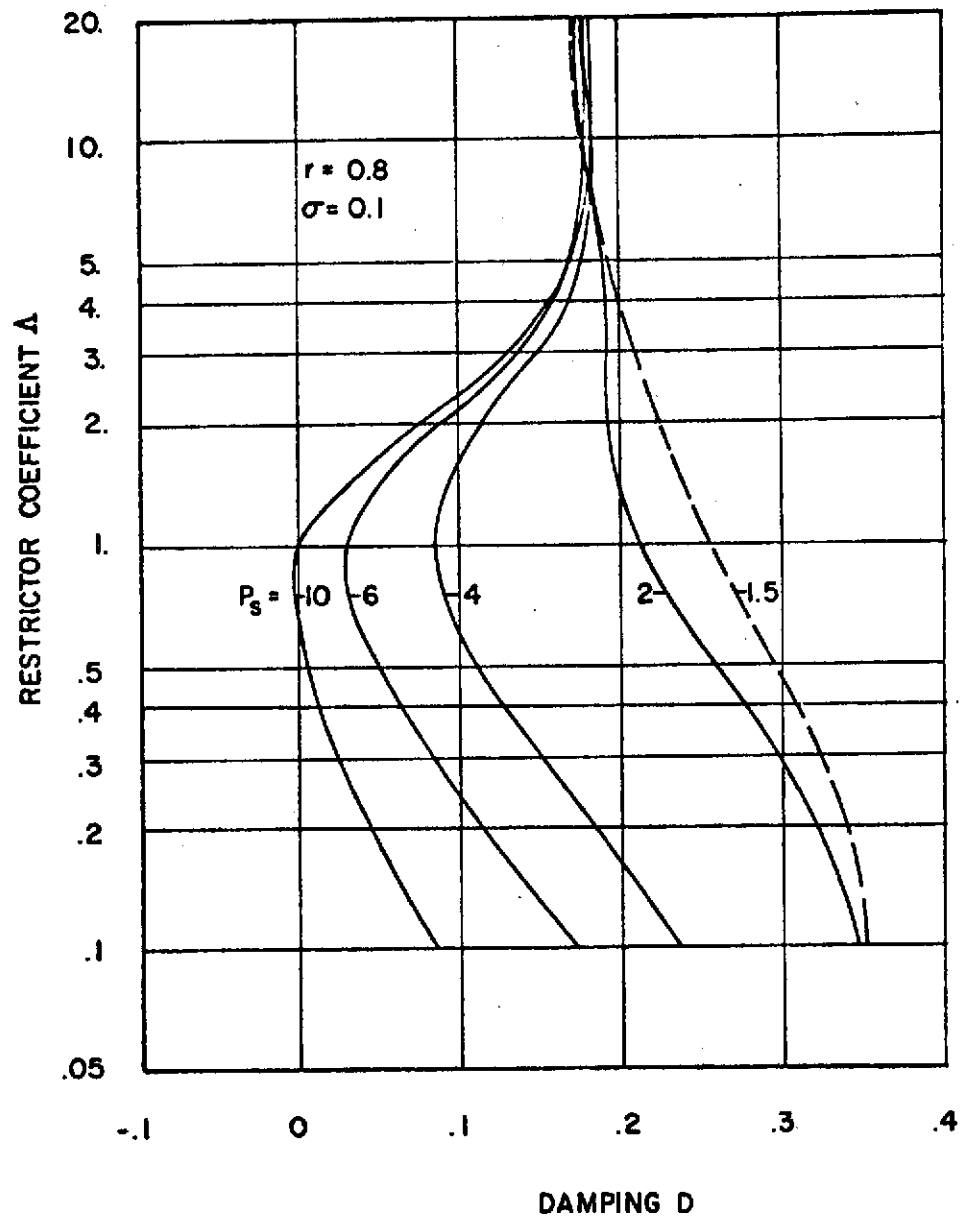


Figure 8. Dimensionless Damping versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 0.1$ )



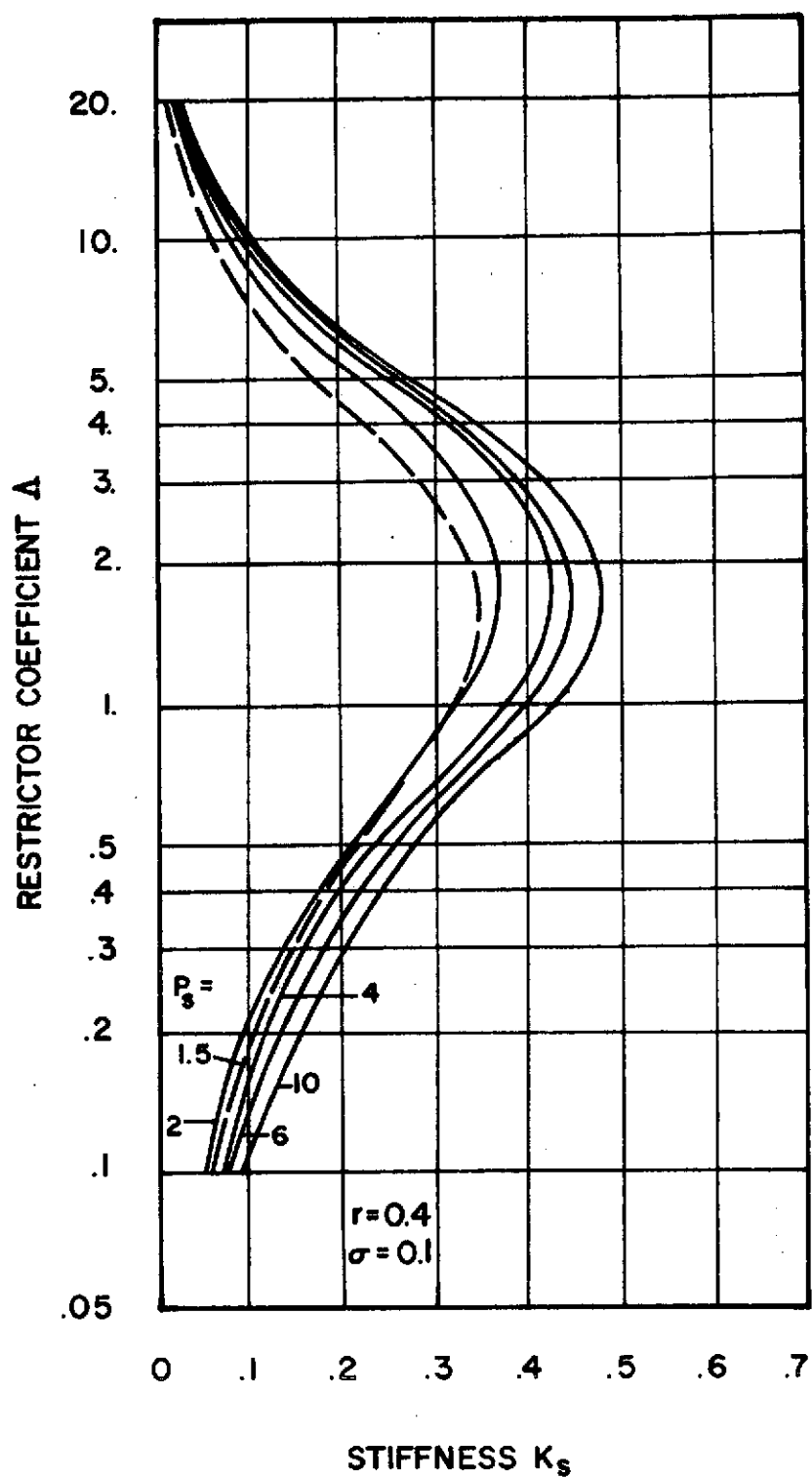


Figure 9. Dimensionless Stiffness versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 0.1$ )

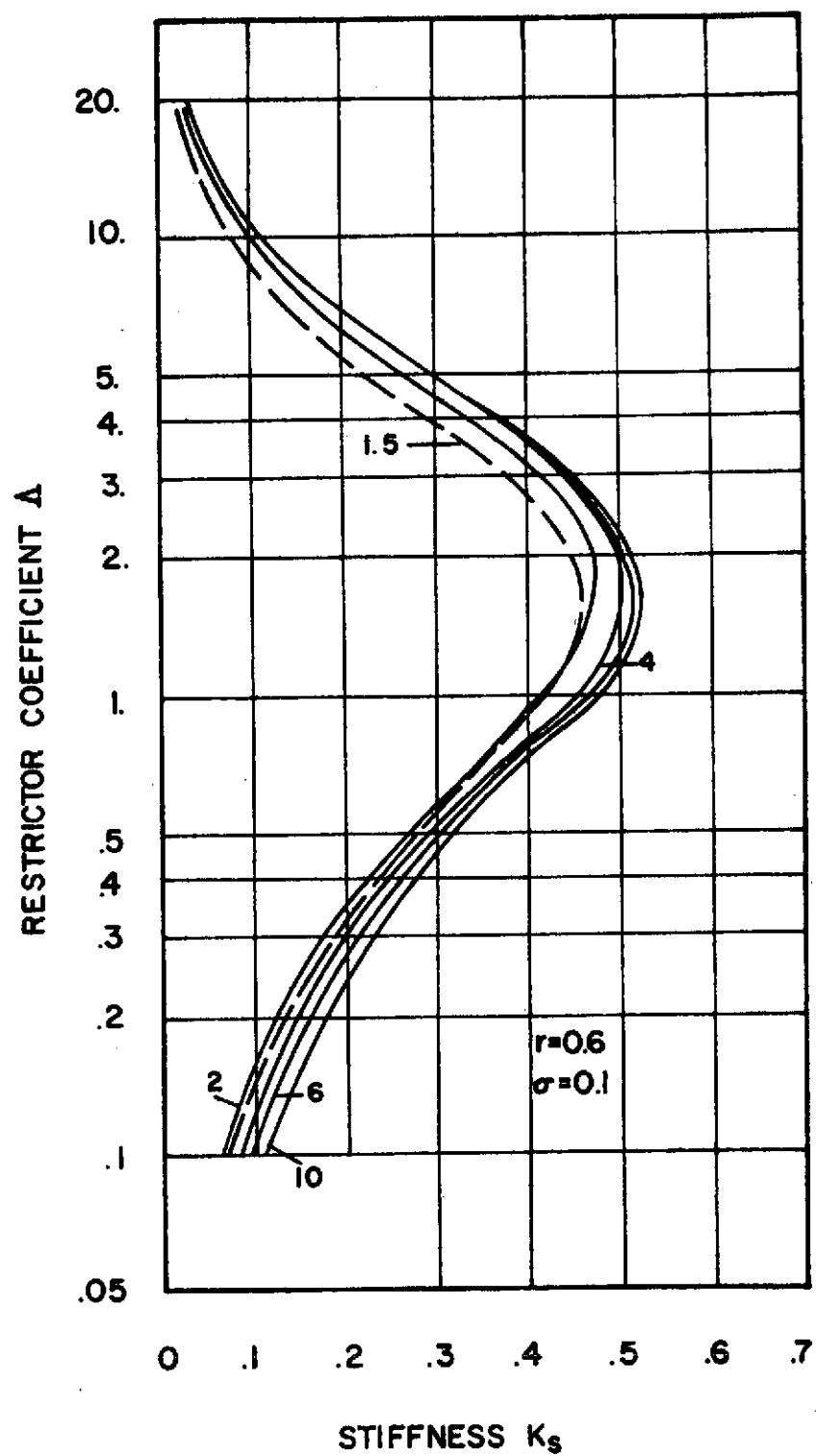


Figure 10. Dimensionless Stiffness versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 0.1$ )

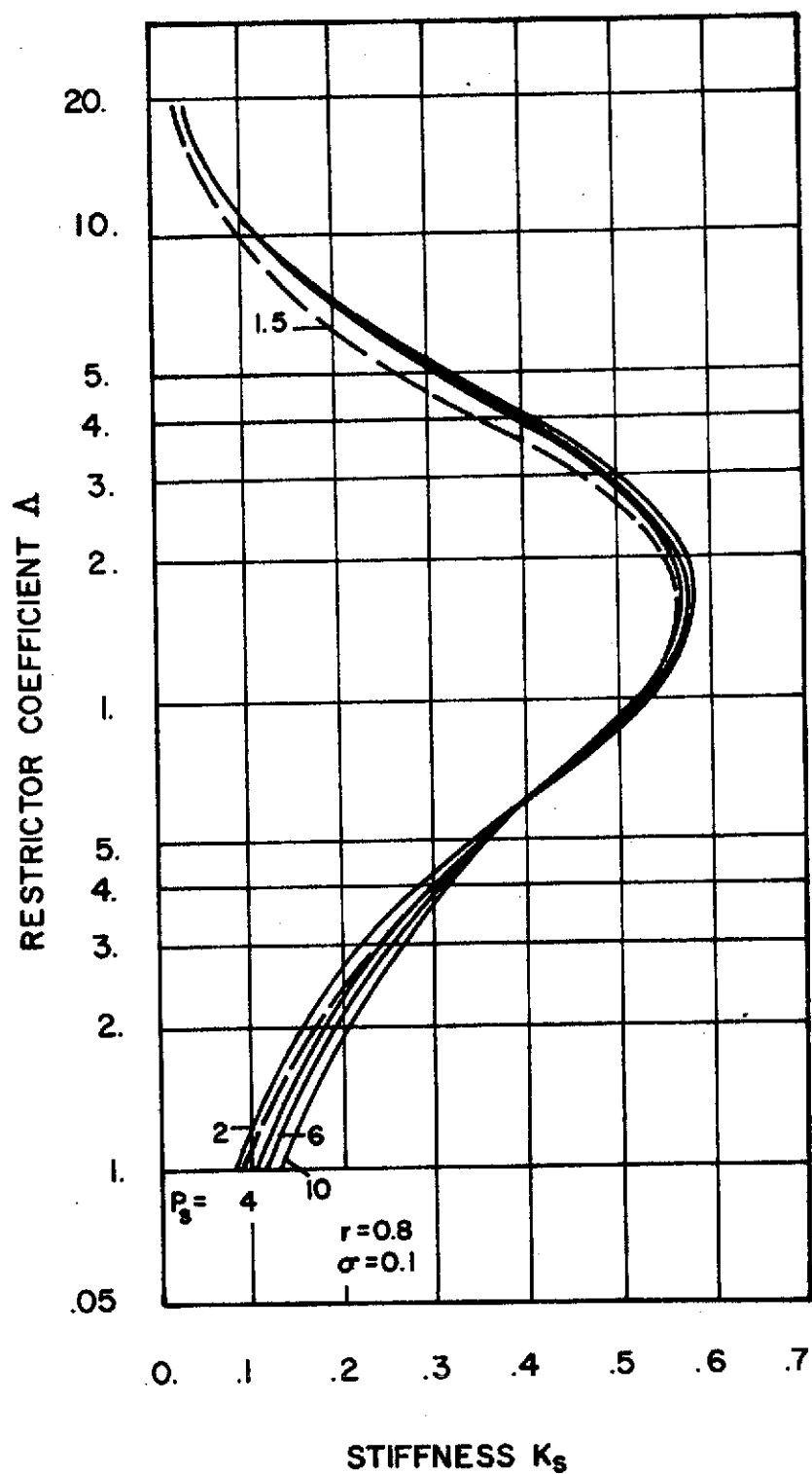


Figure 11. Dimensionless Stiffness versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 0.1$ )

compatible;

2. maximum stiffness occurs near the restrictor coefficient value where the flow through the orifice is critical.

As the restrictor coefficient approaches zero, the stiffness also approaches zero although damping is increasing. Thus, when designing for maximum damping, the higher value of  $\Lambda = 5$  is generally a better selection.

The stiffness,  $K_s$ , also increases as the span ratio,  $r$ , increases. Furthermore,  $K_s$  is non-dimensionalized by the supply pressure (gage); therefore, the actual stiffness is considerably improved by operating at higher supply pressures.

#### 4.5 Mass Flow

Figures 12-14 contain curves of the mass flow versus restrictor coefficient for the three geometries and various supply pressures. The dimensionless mass flow is defined as

$$m_o = -F(P_o^2 - 1)$$

where  $F$  is given for the three different span ratios in the table below:

$r$	$F$
0.4	-1.83
0.6	-3.48
0.8	-8.44

The actual mass flow is given by

$$m_o^* = \left( \frac{P_a^2 h_o^3}{6\mu RT} \right) m_o$$

Generally speaking, the mass flow does not play a direct part in the

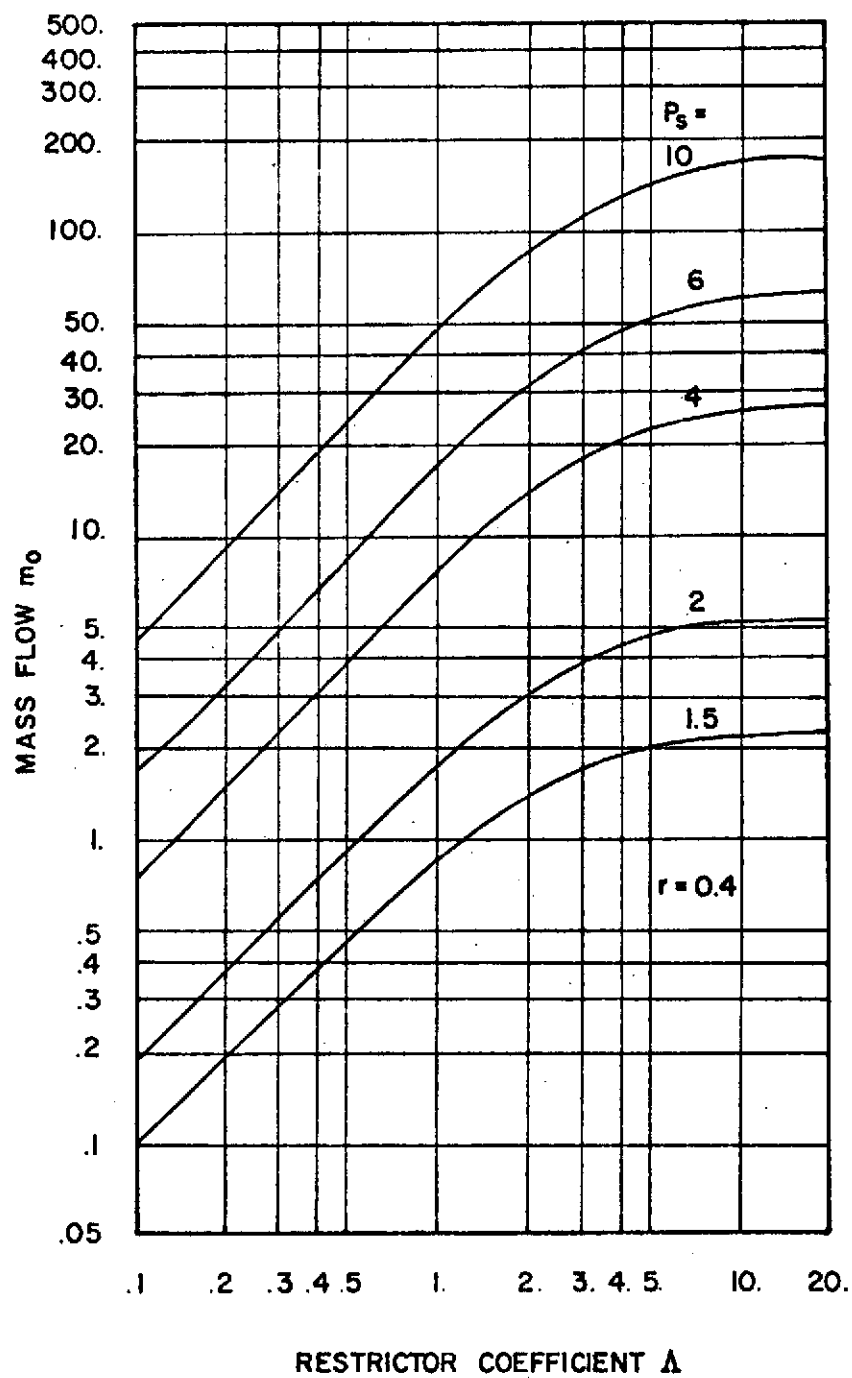


Figure 12. Dimensionless Mass Flow versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ )

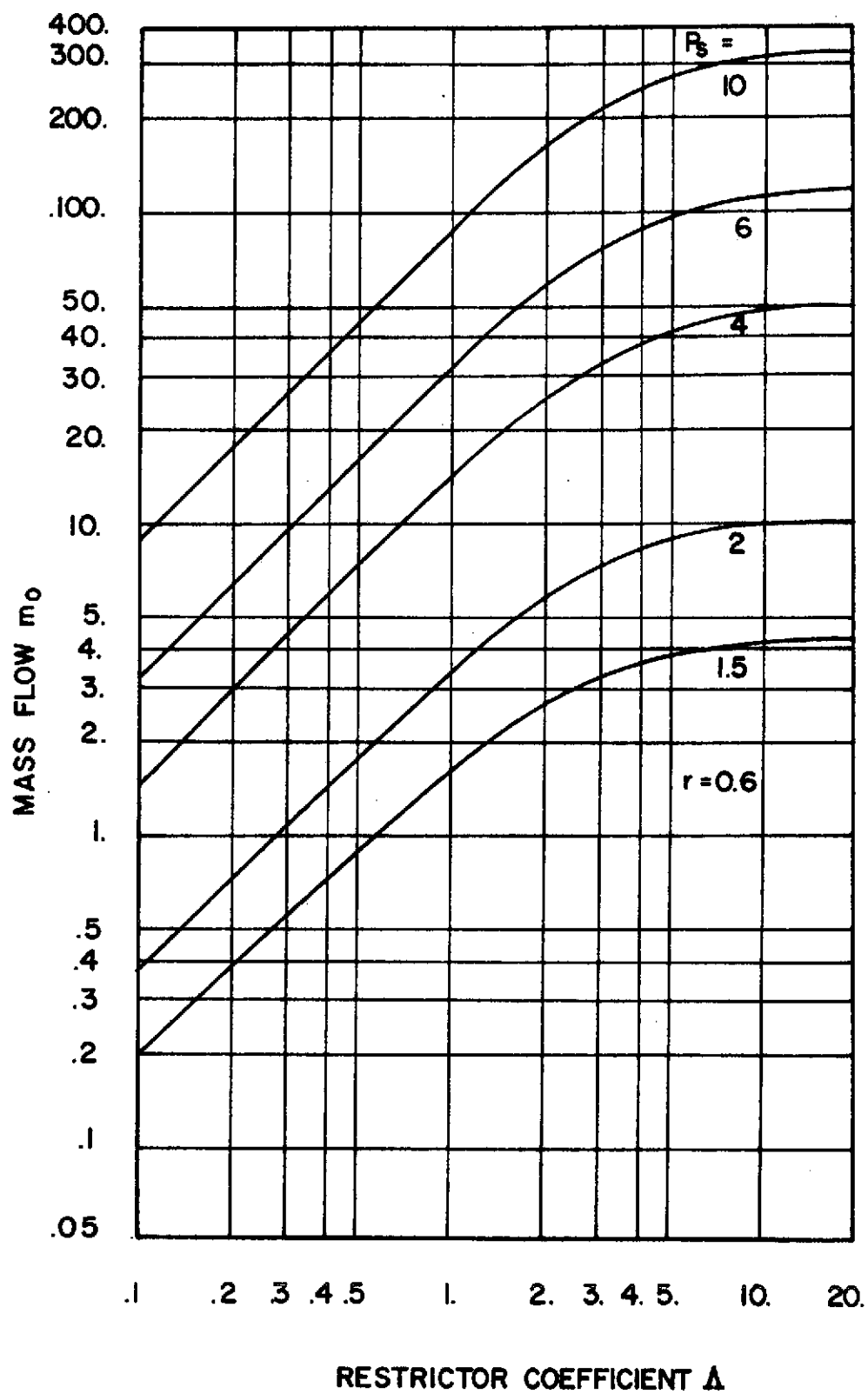


Figure 13. Dimensionless Mass Flow versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ )

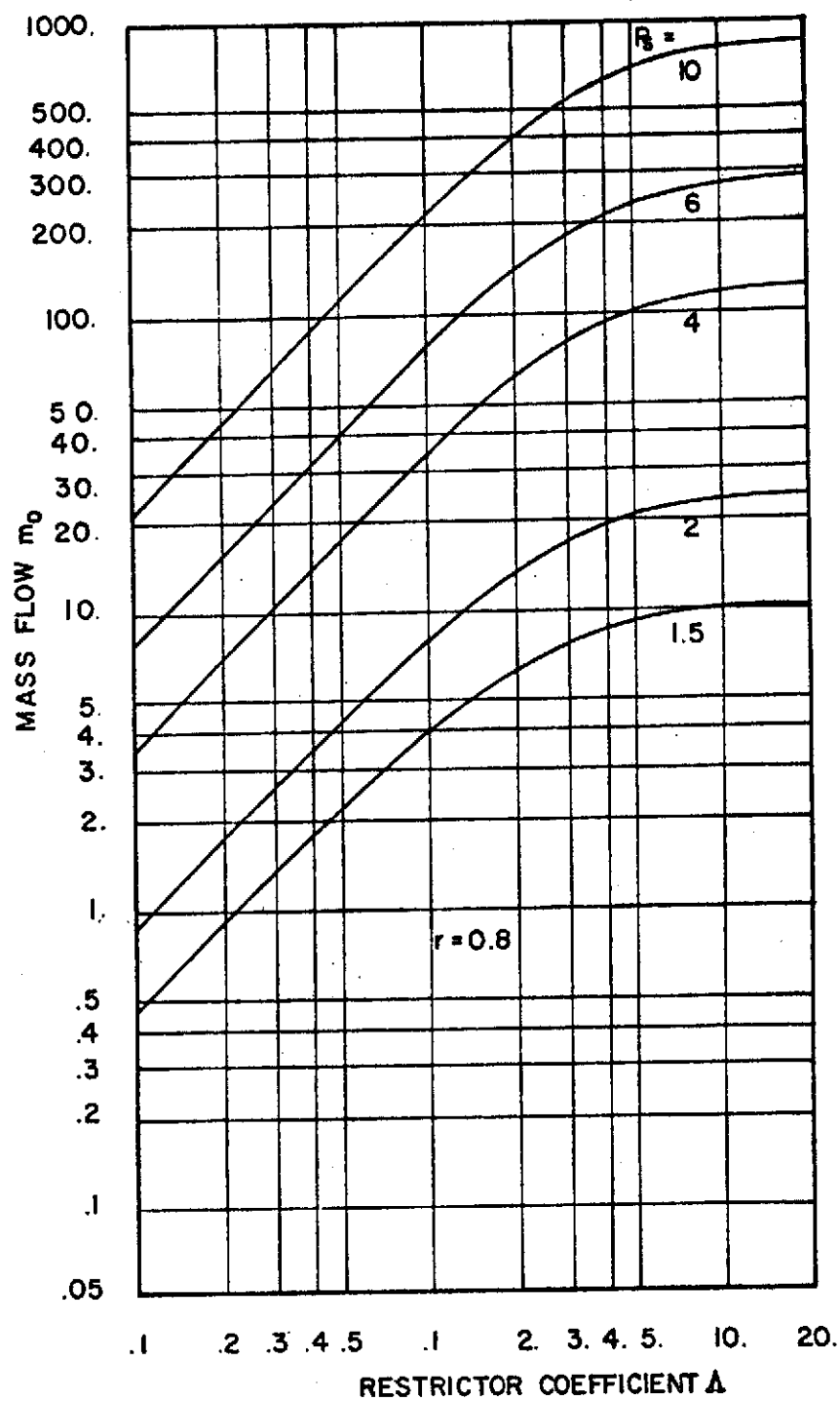


Figure 14. Dimensionless Mass Flow versus Restrictor Coefficient ( $r = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ )

optimum design of the bearing, but this information is necessary for the overall design of the supply system. As a rule, a larger mass flow does increase the frictional losses in the system.

#### 4.6 Squeeze Number

The effect of squeeze number on the stiffness and damping is shown in Figures 14-17. The results include the two restrictor coefficients that most influence the bearing design:  $\Lambda = 1.5, 5$ . Low squeeze numbers ( $\sigma < 10-20$ ) have little effect on the dynamic characteristics. For large squeeze numbers the damping decreases and the stiffness increases (termination of the curves at high squeeze numbers is due to instability of the numerical solution). As the squeeze number increases, the stiffness reaches a maximum. The reason is that the viscous forces oppose any rapid flow changes through the bearing, and the operation approaches that of a piston inside a closed cylinder. From Equation (1),

$$[ph]_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} = \text{constant}$$

or

$$(p_1 + \epsilon p_2)(1 + \epsilon) = \text{constant}$$

Thus,  $p_2 = -p_1$ . Integrating both sides over the area and using Equations (30), (32), (35), and (36);

$$[K_s]_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} = W_o + 1/(p_s - 1)$$

The above equation is in agreement with the values of stiffness in Figure 15 which reach their maximum.



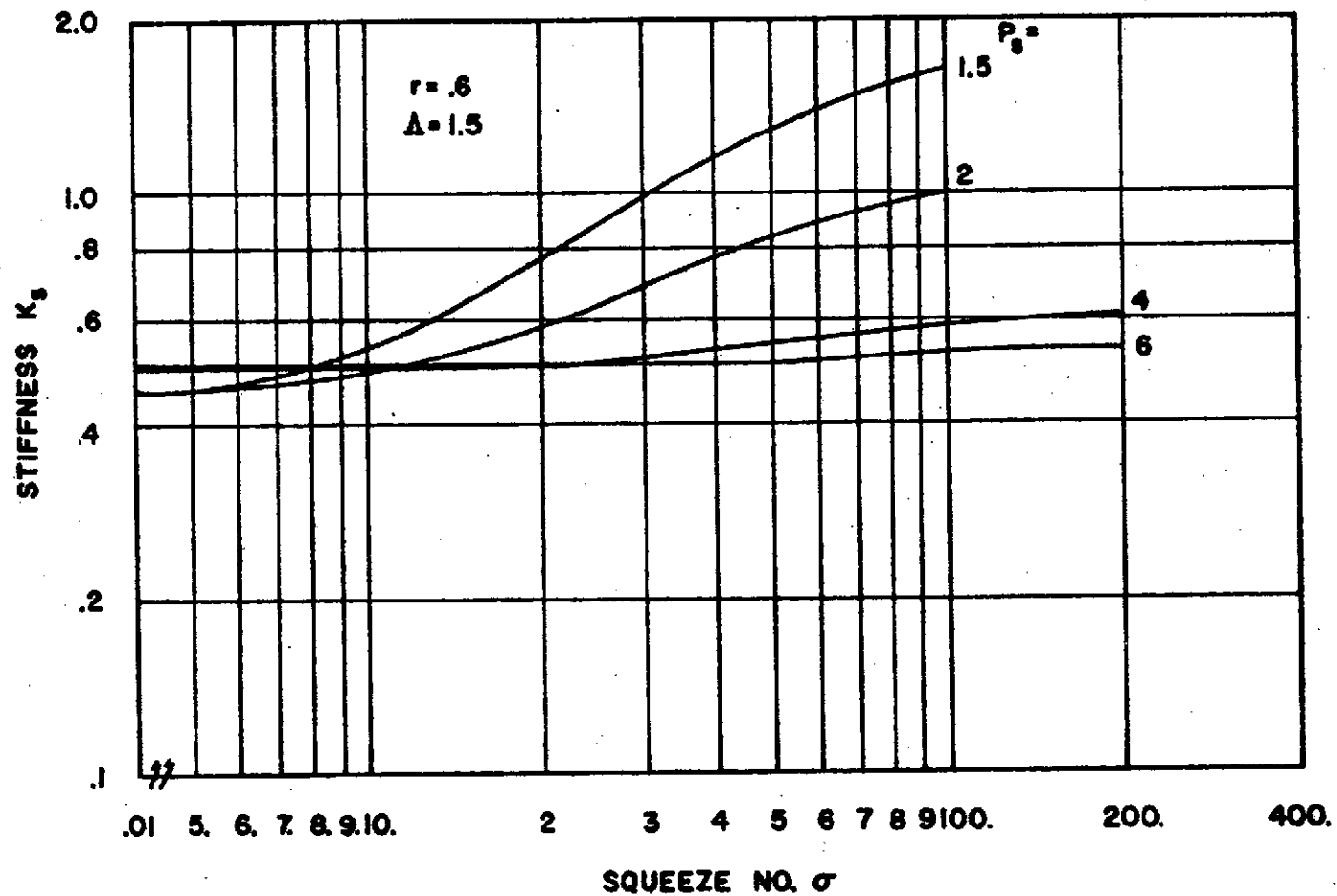


Figure 15. Normalized Stiffness versus Squeeze Number  
 ( $\Lambda = 1.5$ ,  $r = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ )

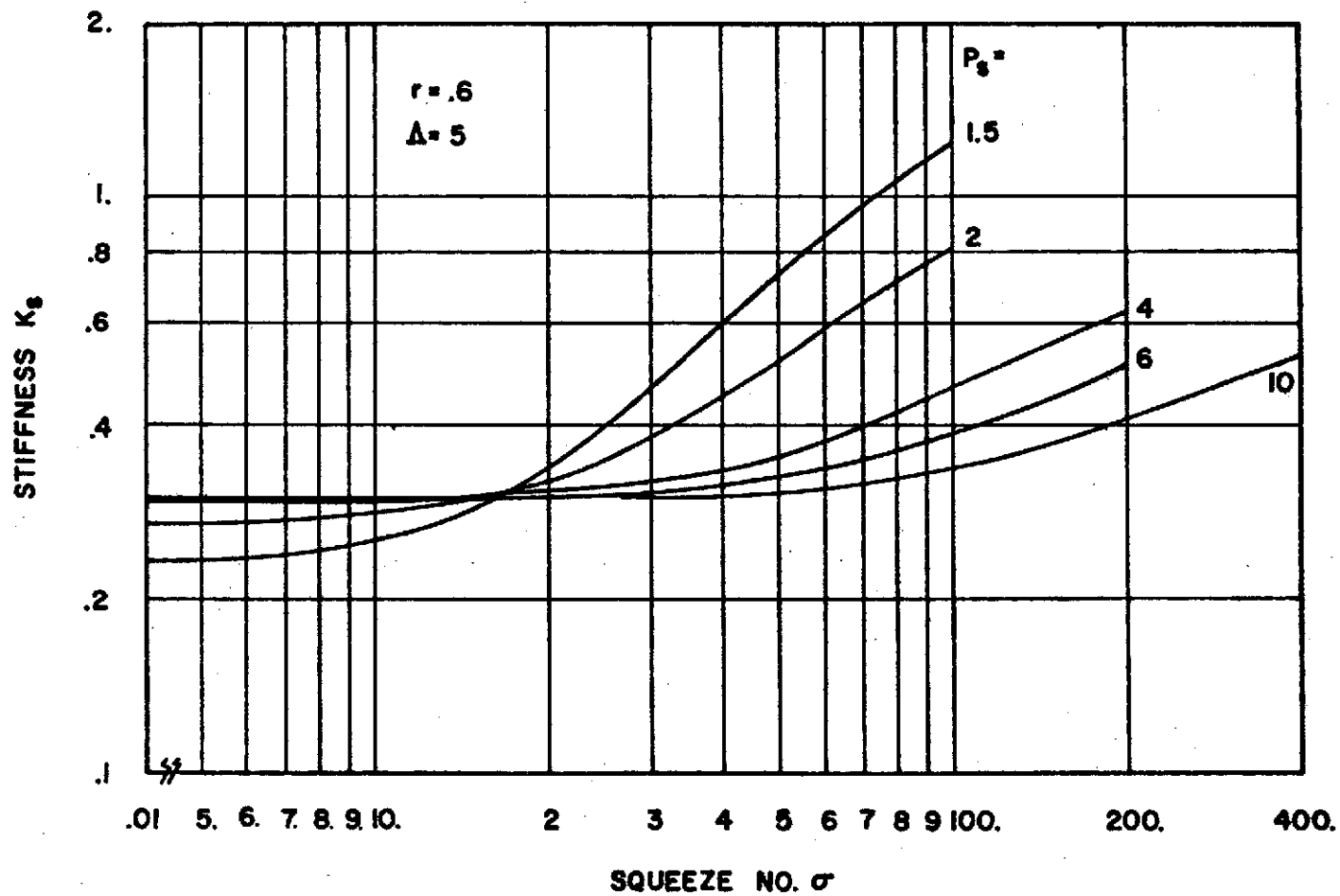


Figure 16. Normalized Stiffness versus Squeeze Number  
 $(\Lambda = 5, r = 0.6, \lambda = 1)$

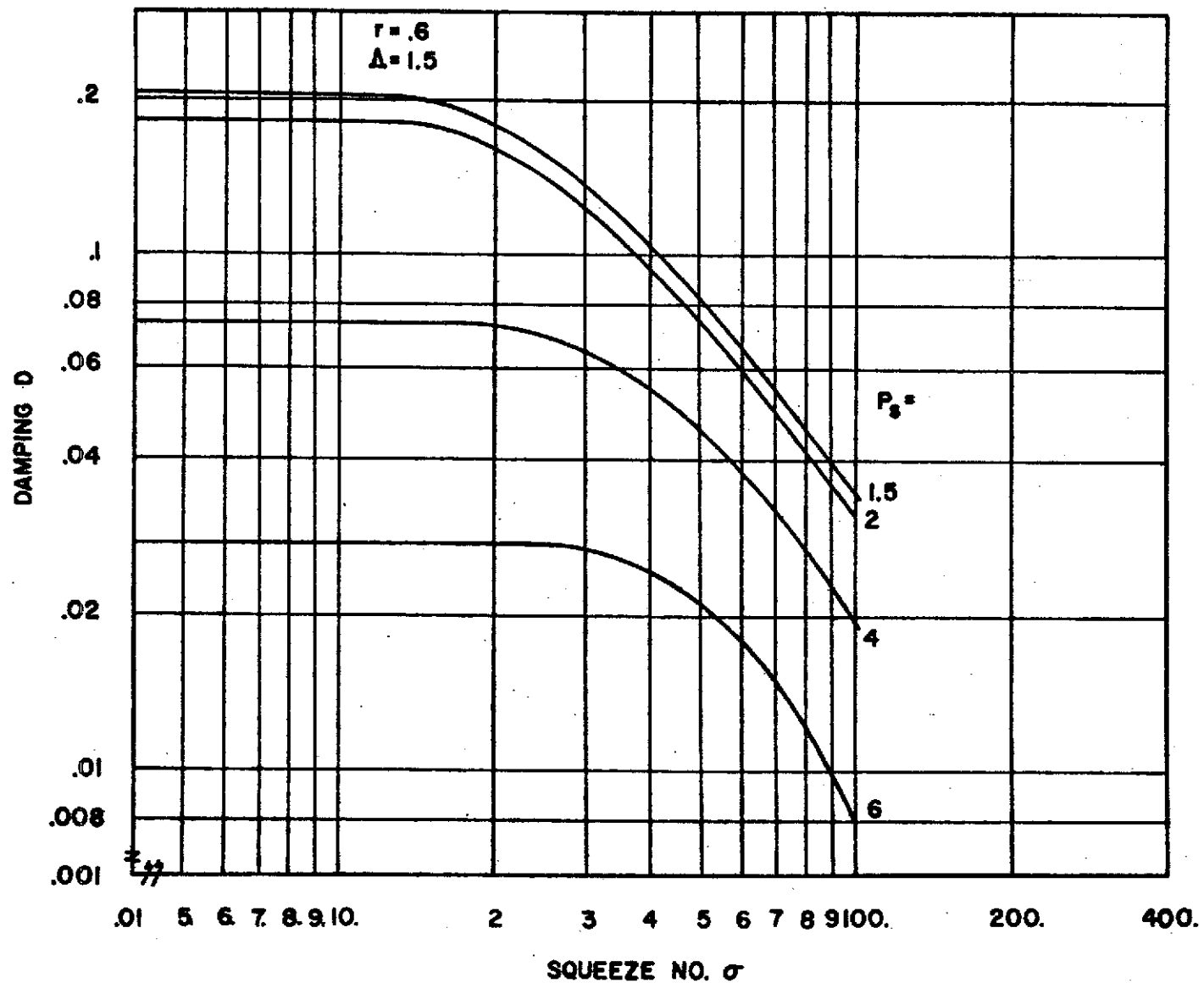


Figure 17. Normalized Damping versus Squeeze Number  
 ( $\Delta = 1.5$ ,  $r = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ )

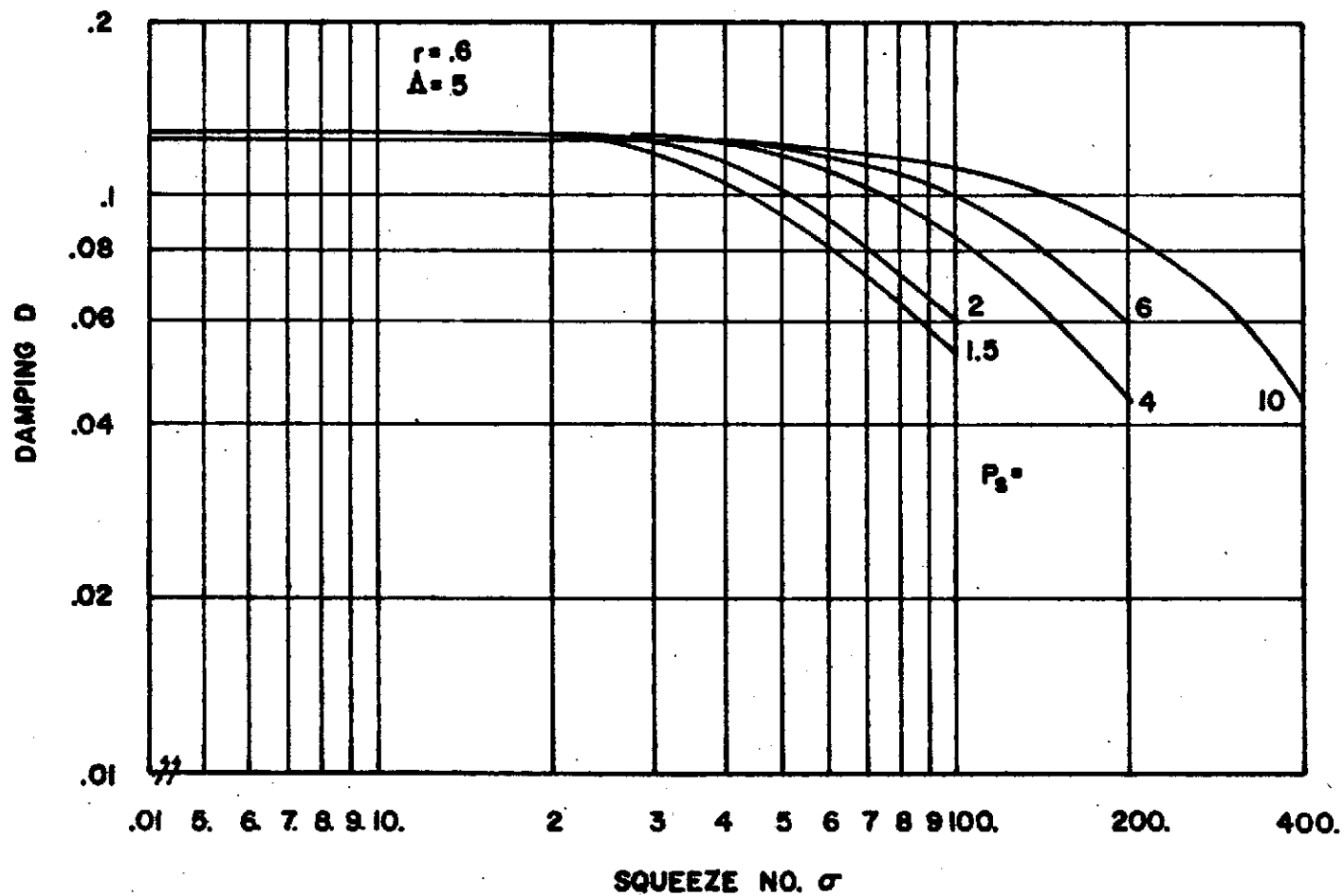


Figure 18. Normalized Damping versus Squeeze Number  
 ( $\Lambda = 5$ ,  $r = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ )

## CHAPTER V

## CONCLUSIONS AND OPTIMUM DESIGN

The first decision to be made in the design of the bearing is the choice between optimum stiffness and optimum damping. Stiffness is usually the first choice since film thicknesses are on the order of .001 inches and a load disturbance can lead to closure of the bearing if it is too "soft". Furthermore, natural frequencies of the bearing-load system must be avoided. However, damping is necessary when disturbances are present, and many bearings are designed primarily as film dampers. The design procedure is as follows:

1. For maximum stiffness, select a restrictor coefficient,  $\Lambda = 1-2$ .

Generally, a larger span ratio and a higher supply pressure increase stiffness, but these choices must be weighed against the frictional losses associated with the increased mass flow.

2. The choice of damping is dependent upon the minimum allowable stiffness. Low supply pressures ( $P_s = 1.5, 2$ ) provide high damping for low values of the restrictor coefficient; however, there is a considerable decrease in stiffness. At high supply pressures, damping increases for larger values of the restrictor coefficient. Supply pressure has little effect on damping at higher values of restrictor coefficient, but a higher supply pressure will improve the corresponding stiffness. The damping and stiffness can also be improved by increasing the span ratio. Thus, there are two choices of damping which can be made:

- (a) if low values of stiffness are acceptable, choose a high span ratio with a low supply pressure and a restrictor coefficient

in the range  $1 \leq \Lambda \leq 2$ ;

- (b) if higher values of stiffness are needed, choose a high span ratio with a high supply pressure and the restrictor coefficient,  $\Lambda = 5$ .

3. The choice of restrictor coefficient fixes the dimensionless load capacity. Once the load is specified, the supply pressure determines the bearing dimensions.

It is observed that the dimensionless stiffness and damping are a function of the film thickness. The actual stiffness and damping are improved by the selection of small film thicknesses. Thus, for a fixed restrictor coefficient, the film thickness can be made arbitrarily small by reducing the inlet area of the orifices. In this respect, the designer is limited by the minimum allowable clearance for the bearing.

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**APPENDIX**  
**THE COMPUTER PROGRAM**



## LUBR\*STFFLR.MAIN

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1      C      DESCRIBE FIELD AND OBTAIN OMEGA
2      DOUBLE PRECISION P0,PS,RST,P1S,X1,ERR1,G1,G2,AL1,AL2
3      DIMENSION P1S(52,52),G1(52,52),G2(52,52),
4      1P1(51,51)
5      REAL LMD,M0
6      PI=3.14159
7      READ (5,100) G,LMD,M1,M2,N1,N2
8      WRITE (6,891)
9      891 FORMAT(11,10X,' SIGMA',6X,' P(SUP)',7X,'RST',10X,
10     1'P0',10X,'M0',10X,'W0',10X,'F',8X,'STFNESS',6X,'DAMP,')
11     100  FORMAT(2F10.0,4I3)
12      M3=M1+M2
13      N3=N1+N2
14      FAC=1.0
15      DX=0.5/M3
16      DY=0.5*LMD/N3
17      B=DX/DY
18      EPS=((COS(PI/M3)+B**2*COS(PI/N3))/((1.+B**2))**2
19      OMG=FAC*2.*((1.-SQRT(1.-EPS))/EPS)
20      C      DEFINE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS
21      C      INNER BOUNDARY
22      M4=M3+1
23      N4=N3+1
24      M6=M4+1
25      N6=N4+1
26      Z4=M4
27      X4=N4
28      M=M2+1
29      N=N2+1
30      ML=M+1
31      NL=N+1
32      DO 1 IA=M,M4
33      DO 1 IB=N,N4
34      1 P1S(IB,IA)=1.0
35      DO 3 IC=1,M4
36      3 P1S(1,IC)= 0.0
37      DO 4 ID=2,N4
38      4 P1S(ID,1)=0.0
39      DO 5 IE=2,M2
40      DO 5 IF=2,N2
41      ZE=IE
42      ZE=IE
43      5 P1S(IF,IE)=(ZE+ZF)/(M2+N2+1)
44      DO 6 IG=2,N2
45      DO 6 IH=M,M4
46      ZG=IG
47      6 P1S(IG,IH)=ZG/(N2+1)
48      DO 15 IM=N,N4
49      DO 15 IN=2,M2
50      ZN=IN
51      15 P1S(IM,IN)=ZN/(M2+1)
52      DO 820 I9=2,N2
53      820 P1S(I9,M4+1)=P1S(I9,M3)
54      DO 821 I10=2,M2
55      821 P1S(N4+1,I10)=P1S(N3,I10)
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57      C      ITERATE THRU GAUSS-SEIDEL
58          C=0.5/(1.0+B**2)
59          C1=B**2
60          DO 7 J=1,300
61              ERR1=0.0
62              Y=0.0
63              NN=M4
64              DO 10 IK=2,N4
65                  DO 11 IL=2,NN
66                      X1=P1S(IK,IL)
67                      X=C*(P1S(IK,IL+1)+P1S(IK,IL-1)+C1*(P1S(IK+1,IL)
68                          1+P1S(IK-1,IL)))
69                      P1S(IK,IL)=OMG*X+(1.0-OMG)*P1S(IK,IL)
70                      CALL ERROR(P1S,Y,X1,ERR1,M6,N6,IL,IK,IMAX,JMAX)
71              11 CONTINUE
72              IF (IK.EQ.N2) GO TO 12
73              GO TO 10
74              12 NN=M2
75              10 CONTINUE
76              DO 720 I1=2,N2
77                  720 P1S(I1,M4+1)=P1S(I1,M3)
78                  DO 721 I11=2,M2
79                      721 P1S(N4+1,I11)=P1S(N3,I11)
80                      YF=SQRT(Y)/(M3*N3)
81                      IF(ERR1-10.**-3) 13,13,7
82                  7 CONTINUE
83              13 CONTINUE
84              F=0.0
85              C55=DX/(3.0*DY)
86              C66=DY/(DX*3.0)
87              DO 26 IR=ML,M3,2
88                  26 F=F+C55*(P1S(N-1,IR-1)+4.*P1S(N-1,IR)+P1S(N-1,IR+1)-
89                      16.0)
90              DO 27 IS=NL,N3,2
91                  27 F=F+C66*(P1S(IS-1,M-1)+4.*P1S(IS,M-1)+P1S(IS+1,M-1)-
92                      16.0)
93              817 CONTINUE
94              READ (5,888) K1,K3,K4,L1,L3,L4
95              Q4=K4
96              R4=L4
97              BY=0.5*LMD/L3
98              BX=0.5/K3
99              888 FORMAT(6I5)
100             DO 31 IA=1,K4
101                 G2(1,IA)=0.0
102             31 G1(1,IA)=0.0
103             DO 32 IB=1,L4
104                 G2(IB,1)=0.0
105             32 G1(IB,1)=0.0
106
107      C      INITIAL GUESSES
108
109             DO 33 IC=2,K4
110             DO 33 ID=2,L4
111             33 G1(ID,IC)=- (IC+ID)/(Q4+R4)
112             MNEW=K4-K1
113             NNEW=L4-L1

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114      MNEW1=MNEW-1
115      NNEW1=NNEW-1
116      MNEW2=MNEW+1
117      NNEW2=NNEW+1
118      MEND=K4-MNEW
119      NEND=L4-NNEW
120      K6=K4+1
121      L6=L4+1
122      XNEW=MNEW1
123      YNEW=NNEW1
124      DO 34 IE=MNEW,K4
125      DO 34 IF=NNEW,L4
126      34  G2(IF,IE)=0.05-(IF+IE-MNEW-NNEW)*0.1/(Z4+X4)*(-1.)
127      DO 35 IG=2,MNEW1
128      DO 35 IZ=2,NNEW1
129      35  G2(IZ,IG)=(IG+IZ)*0.1/((XNEW+YNEW)*2.)*(-1.)
130      DO 36 IJ=2,MNEW
131      DO 36 IK=NNEW,L4
132      36  G2(IK,IJ)=IJ*0.1/(2.*MNEW)*(-1.)
133      DO 37 IL=MNEW,K4
134      DO 37 IM=2,NNEW
135      37  G2(IM,IL)=IM*0.1/(2.*NNEW)*(-1.)
136      C22=BY/(BX*3.0)
137      C11=BX/(BY*3.0)
138      P0=3.82D0
139      DO 81 IJK=1,7
140      READ(5,401) PS,SIGM,RST
141      401  FORMAT(3F10.0)
142      IF(RST-30.) 82,83,83
143      83  P0=PS-.005D0
144      82  CONTINUE
145      CALL PLOAD(RST,W0,PS,P0,P1S,P,DX,DY,M,N,M4,N4,N1,M0,F,
146      1$25,LMD,N3,M3,P1,M6,N6)
147      819 CONTINUE
148      T=P0/PS
149      QT=(2./2.4)**(1.4/0.4)
150      IF(T-QT) 94,94,95
151      94  AL1=1.
152      AL2=F*(P0**2-1.)
153      C44=2.*NEND*BY/BX+2.*MEND*BX/BY
154      GO TO 96
155      95  ALPH=PS/(P0*1.4)-(0.4/2.8)*((PS/P0)**(1./1.4)/
156      1(1.-(P0/PS)**(.4/1.4)))
157      AL1=2.*PS*P0/(ALPH*(P0**2-1.)*F)
158      AL2=2.*PS*P0/ALPH
159      C44=1.+AL1*(2.*BY*NEND/BX+2.*BX*MEND/BY)
160      96  CONTINUE
161      SUM1=0.0
162      SUM2=0.0
163      DO 41 IR=NNEW2,L3,2
164      SUM1=SUM1+C22*(G1(IR-1,MNEW1)+G1(IR-1,MNEW2)+
165      14.0*(G1(IR,MNEW1)+G1(IR,MNEW2))+G1(IR+1,MNEW1)+
166      1G1(IR+1,MNEW2))
167      41  SUM2=SUM2+C22*(G2(IR-1,MNEW1)+G2(IR-1,MNEW2)+
168      14.0*(G2(IR,MNEW1)+G2(IR,MNEW2))+G2(IR+1,MNEW1)+
169      1G2(IR+1,MNEW2))
170      DO 42 IS=MNEW2,K3,2

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171      SUM1=SUM1+C11*(G1(NNEW1,IS-1)+G1(NNEW2,IS-1)+
172      14.0*(G1(NNEW1,IS)+G1(NNEW2,IS))+G1(NNEW1,IS+1)+
173      1G1(NNEW2,IS+1))
174      42 SUM2=SUM2+C11*(G2(NNEW1,IS-1)+G2(NNEW2,IS-1)+
175      14.0*(G2(NNEW1,IS)+G2(NNEW2,IS))+G2(NNEW1,IS+1)+
176      1G2(NNEW2,IS+1))
177      IV=K4
178      IW=NNEW
179      46 DO 47 IT=IW,L4
180      DO 47 IU=MNEW,IV
181      G1(IT,IU)=(AL1*SUM1+AL2)/C44
182      G2(IT,IU)=AL1*SUM2/C44
183      IF(IU.EQ,M4) GO TO 45
184      47 CONTINUE
185      GO TO 48
186      45 IV=MNEW
187      IW=NNEW2
188      GO TO 46
189      48 CONTINUE
190      DO 815 I1=1,K4
191      G1(L4+1,I1)=G1(L4-1,I1)
192      815 G2(L4+1,I1)=G2(L4-1,I1)
193      DO 816 I2=1,L4
194      G1(I2,K4+1)=G1(I2,K4-1)
195      816 G2(I2,K4+1)=G2(I2,K4-1)
196      B=BX/BY
197      C=0.5/(1.0+B**2)
198      C1=B**2
199      CALL STFDMP(K4,L4,K6,L6,SIGM,C,C1,N4,M4,G1,G2,MNEW,
200      1NNEW,MNEW1,MNEW2,NNEW1,NNEW2,ALPH,AL1,AL2,C22,C11,
201      1C33,L3,K3,MEND,NEND,P1,PS,BX,BY,P0,F,RST,W0,M0,IMAX,
202      1JMAX)
203      GO TO 81
204      25 WRITE(6,199) PS,SIGM,RST
205      199 FORMAT('0','P0.LE.0.OR.GE.PS',3F10.5)
206      81 CONTINUE
207      STOP
208      END

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LIBR\*STFFLR.SUB1

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1      SUBROUTINE ERROR(P1S,Y,X1,ERR1,M,N,I,J,IMAX,JMAX)
2      DOUBLE PRECISION P1S,X1,ERR1,ERR
3      DIMENSION P1S(N,M)
4      ERR=ABS(P1S(J,I)-X1)
5      Y=Y+ERR**2
6      IF (ERR-ERR1)1,1,2
7      2  ERR1=ERR
8      IMAX=I
9      JMAX=J
10     1  CONTINUE
11     RETURN
12     END
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## LUBR\*STFFLR.SUB2

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1      SUBROUTINE PLOAD(X,W0,PS,X1,P1S,P,DX,DY,M,N,M4,N4,
2      1N1,M0,F, $,LMD,N3,M3,P1,M6,N6)
3      DOUBLE PRECISION PS,X,X1,Z1,Z2,Z3,FUN,TEST,T1,T2,T3,
4      1FP,Y1,P1S
5      REAL LMD,M0
6      DIMENSION P1S(N6,M6),P1(N4,M4)
7      QTESY=(2./2.4)**(1.4/0.4)
8      PTEST=PS*QTESY
9      IF(X1-PTEST) 4,4,10
10     10 CONTINUE
11     DO 1 I=1,200
12     Z1=X/(X1**2-1.00)
13     Z2=(X1/PS)**(1.00/1.400)
14     Z3=DSQRT(1.00-(X1/PS)**(.400/1.400))
15     FUN=1.00-Z1*Z2*Z3*PS**2
16     TEST=ABS(FUN)
17     IF (TEST-0.00001) 2,3,3
18     3 T1=2.00*X1*PS**2/(X1**2-1.00)
19     T2=PS**2*X1**-1/1.400
20     T3=PS**(.400/1.400)*.400*X1**(-1.00/1.400)/
21     1(2.800*Z3**2)
22     FP=(T1-T2+T3)*Z1*Z2*Z3
23     Y1=X1
24     X1=X1-FUN/FP
25     98 IF(X1-PS) 11,96,96
26     11 IF(X1) 96,96,1
27     96 FP=FP*10.00
28     X1=Y1-FUN/FP
29     GO TO 98
30     1 CONTINUE
31     2 CONTINUE
32     T=X1/PS
33     IF(T-QTESY) 4,4,5
34     4 X1=SQRT(1.+X*PS**2*(.4/2.4)**.5*(2./2.4)**2.5)
35     5 IF(X1.LE.0.0) RETURN 16
36     DO 6 J=1,M4
37     DO 6 K=1,N4
38     6 P1(K,J)=SQRT(1.0+(X1**2-1.0)*P1S(K,J)**2)
39     W=0.0
40     DO 7 L=2,N3,2
41     DO 7 IM=2,M3,2
42     7 W=W+(DX*DY/9.0)*(P1(L+1,IM+1)+P1(L+1,IM-1)+
43     1P1(L-1,IM+1)+P1(L-1,IM-1)+4.*(P1(L,IM+1)+P1(L,IM-1)+
44     1P1(L+1,IM)+P1(L-1,IM))+16.*P1(L,IM))
45     W0=4.*W
46     P=W0/LMD
47     M0=-F*(X1**2-1.0)
48     W0=(W0-1.)/(PS-1.)
49     RETURN
50     END

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## LIBR\*STFFLR.SUB3

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1      SUBROUTINE STFDMP(M4,N4,M6,N6,SIGM,C,C1,NR,NC,G1,G2,
2      1MNEW,NNEW,MNEW1,MNEW2,NNEW1,NNEW2,ALPH,AL1,AL2,C22,
3      1C11,C33,N3,M3,MEND,NEND,P1,PS,DX,DY,P0,F,RST,W0,M0,
4      1IMAX,JMAX)
5      DOUBLE PRECISION P0,PS,RST
6      1,G1,G2,SUM1,SUM2,AL1,AL2,XG1,XG2,ERR2,ERR3
7      REAL M0
8      DIMENSION G1(N6,M6),G2(N6,M6),P1(NR,NC)
9      T=P0/PS
10     QT=(2./2.4)**(1.4/0.4)
11     IF(T-QT)4,4,5
12     4 AL1=1.
13     AL2=F*(P0**2-1.)
14     C44=2.*NEND*DY/DX+2.*MEND*DX/DY
15     GO TO 6
16     5 ALPH=PS/(P0*1.4)-(0.4/2.8)*((PS/P0)**(1./1.4))/(1.-
17     1(P0/PS)**(.4/1.4)))
18     AL1=2.*PS*P0/(ALPH*(P0**2-1.)*F)
19     AL2=2.*PS*P0/ALPH
20     C44=1.+AL1*(2.*DY*NEND/DX+2.*DX*MEND/DY)
21     6 CONTINUE
22     OM2=1.0
23     DO 10 I=1,500
24     EG1=0.0
25     EG2=0.0
26     ERR2=0.0
27     ERR3=0.0
28     CALL GCMPT(G1,G2,2,M4,2,NNEW1,N4,M4,N6,M6,C,C1,
29     1EG1,EG2,ERR2,ERR3,OMG,P1,NR,NC,DX,SIGM,IMAX,JMAX)
30     CALL GCMPT(G1,G2,2,MNEW1,NNEW,N4,N4,M4,N6,M6,C,C1,
31     1EG1,EG2,ERR2,ERR3,OMG,P1,NR,NC,DX,SIGM,IMAX,JMAX)
32     CALL GCMPT(G1,G2,MNEW2,M4,NNEW2,N4,N4,M4,N6,M6,C,C1,
33     1EG1,EG2,ERR2,ERR3,OMG,P1,NR,NC,DX,SIGM,IMAX,JMAX)
34     SUM1=0.0
35     SUM2=0.0
36     DO 11 IR=NNEW2,N3,2
37     SUM1=SUM1+C22*(G1(IR-1,MNEW1)+G1(IR-1,MNEW2))+
38     14.0*(G1(IR,MNEW1)+G1(IR,MNEW2))+G1(IR+1,MNEW1)+
39     1G1(IR+1,MNEW2))
40     11 SUM2=SUM2+C22*(G2(IR-1,MNEW1)+G2(IR-1,MNEW2))+
41     14.0*(G2(IR,MNEW1)+G2(IR,MNEW2))+G2(IR+1,MNEW1)+
42     1G2(IR+1,MNEW2))
43     DO 12 IS=MNEW2,M3,2
44     SUM1=SUM1+C11*(G1(NNEW1,IS-1)+G1(NNEW2,IS-1))+
45     14.0*(G1(NNEW1,IS)+G1(NNEW2,IS))+G1(NNEW1,IS+1)+
46     1G1(NNEW2,IS+1))
47     12 SUM2=SUM2+C11*(G2(NNEW1,IS-1)+G2(NNEW2,IS-1))+
48     14.0*(G2(NNEW1,IS)+G2(NNEW2,IS))+G2(NNEW1,IS+1)+
49     1G2(NNEW2,IS+1))
50     IV=M4
51     IW=NNEW
52     16 DO 17 IT=IW,N4
53     DO 17 IU=MNEW,IV
54     XG1=G1(IT,IU)
55     XG2=G2(IT,IU)
56     G1(IT,IU)=(AL1*SUM1+AL2)/C44

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57      G2(IT,IU)=AL1*SUM2/C44
58      G1(IT,IU)=OM2*G1(IT,IU)+(1.-OM2)*XG1
59      G2(IT,IU)=OM2*G2(IT,IU)+(1.-OM2)*XG2
60      CALL ERROR(G1,EG1,XG1,ERR2,M6,N6,IU,IT,IMAX,JMAX)
61      CALL ERROR(G2,EG2,XG2,ERR3,M6,N6,IU,IT,IMAX,JMAX)
62      IF(IU.EQ.M4) GO TO 15
63      17 CONTINUE
64      GO TO 18
65      15 IV=MNEW
66      IW=NNEW2
67      GO TO 16
68      18 CONTINUE
69      DO 815 I1=1,M4
70      G1(N4+1,I1)=G1(N4-1,I1)
71      815 G2(N4+1,I1)=G2(N4-1,I1)
72      DO 816 I2=1,N4
73      G1(I2,M4+1)=G1(I2,M4-1)
74      816 G2(I2,M4+1)=G2(I2,M4-1)
75      EG1=SQRT(EG1)/(M3*N3)
76      EG2=SQRT(EG2)/(M3*N3)
77      IF (ERR2-.5*10.**-3) 19,10,10
78      19 IF (ERR3-.5*10.**-3) 20,10,10
79      10 CONTINUE
80      20 CONTINUE
81      W21=0.0
82      W22=0.0
83      CONST=DX*DY/9.0
84      DO 1 J=2,M3,2
85      DO 1 K=2,N3,2
86      W21=W21+CONST*(G1(K+1,J+1)/P1(K+1,J+1)+G1(K+1,J-1)
87      1/P1(K+1,J-1)+G1(K-1,J+1)/P1(K-1,J+1)+G1(K-1,J-1)
88      1/P1(K-1,J-1)+4.*(G1(K,J+1)/P1(K,J+1)+G1(K,J-1)
89      1/P1(K,J-1)+G1(K+1,J)/P1(K+1,J)+G1(K-1,J)/P1(K-1,J))+
90      116.*G1(K,J)/P1(K,J))
91      1 W22=W22+CONST*(G2(K+1,J+1)/P1(K+1,J+1)+G2(K+1,J-1)
92      1/P1(K+1,J-1)+G2(K-1,J+1)/P1(K-1,J+1)+G2(K-1,J-1)
93      1/P1(K-1,J-1)+4.*(G2(K,J+1)/P1(K,J+1)+G2(K,J-1)
94      1/P1(K,J-1)+G2(K+1,J)/P1(K+1,J)+G2(K-1,J)/P1(K-1,J))+
95      116.*G2(K,J)/P1(K,J))
96      W21=4.*W21
97      W22=4.*W22
98      STIFF=-W21/(PS-1.)
99      DAMP=-12.*W22/SIGM
100     WRITE (6,889) SIGM,PS,RST,P0,M0,W0,F,STIFF,DAMP
101     889 FORMAT('0',5X,9E12.3)
102     RETURN
103     END

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1  SUBROUTINE GCMPT(G1,G2,J,K,M,N,N4,M4,N6,M6,C,C1,EG1,
2  1EG2,ERR2,ERR3,OMG,P1,NR,NC,DX,SIGM,IMAX,JMAX)
3  DOUBLE PRECISION G1,G2,XG1,XG2,XG,YG,ERR2,ERR3
4  DIMENSION G1(N6,M6),G2(N6,M6),P1(NR,NC)
5  PI=3.14159
6  DO 1 I=J,K
7  DO 1 L=M,N
8  C2=SIGM*DX**2/P1(L,I)
9  C3=SIGM*P1(L,I)*DX**2
10 XMU=2.*(COS(PI/(2.*M4-1.))+COS(PI/(2.*N4-1.)))
11 RHO=((C2*DX**2+SQRT(C2**2*DX**4+16.*XMU))**2)/64.
12 OMG=2./(1.+SQRT(1.-RHO**2))
13 XG1=G1(L,I)
14 XG2=G2(L,I)
15 XG=C*(G1(L,I+1)+G1(L,I-1)+C1*(G1(L+1,I)+G1(L-1,I)))+
16 1C2*G2(L,I))
17 G1(L,I)=OMG*XG+(1.-OMG)*G1(L,I)
18 YG=C*(G2(L,I+1)+G2(L,I-1)+C1*(G2(L+1,I)+G2(L-1,I))-
19 1C3-C2*XG1)
20 G2(L,I)=YG*OMG+(1.-OMG)*G2(L,I)
21 CALL ERROR(G1,EG1,XG1,ERR2,M6,N6,I,L,IMAX,JMAX)
22 CALL ERROR(G2,EG2,XG2,ERR3,M6,N6,I,L,IMAX,JMAX)
23 1 CONTINUE
24 RETURN
25 END

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